

clutch at a cow's tail; of the perpetual night of young and beautiful lives of millions of widowed children scattered over the plains of India; of a country in which the boasted light of Confucian morality produces "falsehood and chicanery, deceit and lying, placed on the pedestal of greatness; prisoners punished by nailing their hands between boards, scalding with hot water, inserting red-hot spikes, burying the body up to the neck in lime;" of the land of which it can and has been said "falsehood is universal, chastity is an idea for which they have no word, it has sunk so low as to be regardless alike of conscience and of shame, to reckon a man's life at his market value as a beast of burden, and to practice cannibalism, not from want, but from usage, and a horrid lust of human flesh." Compared with the blackness of darkness the grossest forms of vice in our Christian country appears but as a passing cloud at noonday. To whom shall we give of our superabundant clothing? To the man who has already a spare suit himself, or to the houseless bodies of the wretched poor? Is it not the *proof of the Gospel* that the "Blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the lopers are cleansed?" Is not Christ's commendation given to those who "visit him in prison?" Brethren, man, every man, has been fitted for a glorious position, little lower than the angels in this world, a little higher in the next; and

(2) *The Gospel is just what will fit him to occupy it.* It is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile." Whether it be the baptized Canadian, or the lying Hindoo, or the cannibal Fijian, or the debased African, or the fierce Turk, or the seed of Israel, it is the power which makes the *unpure pure*, and the *unclean clean*. But, alas, brethren, we go deeper still, and say that

(3) *The heathen are lost without the Gospel.* True it is that a merciful God will do right, and that "In every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of him;" but it is just as true that "it is written again," "But unto them that are contentious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first and also of the Gentile." Oh, what a picture Paul gives in the first chapters of the Epistle to the Romans. The light of prophecy falling on the heathen nations, reveals a terrible state, and a terrible fate awaiting them, but the gospel lamp of the New Testament shining upon them, shows matters to be much worse than we had supposed. Listen! "Without Christ, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the Kingdom of God."

II. It is the key to the whole of the Bible doctrine.

It was the comfort of the outcasts of Eden, the emphatic teaching