

Let every article be polished so as to show and not to hide its native worth. And so in regard to compositions. Let king-thoughts ride in royal chariots; let them be surrounded by servants in liveries; but beggarly thoughts ought to carry about them a proof of their own poverty. I do not disparage eloquence; we want more of it in the pulpit. At the same time, we must not forget that eloquence will not regenerate men. The power Christ promised His disciples was not word power.

4. Neither is it the *power of logic*. It is trite and commonplace to say that argument cannot convert a soul. Conquer a man in argument, and, as a rule, you only confirm him in his error. Last Monday I was looking at a picture which bore the title, "Conquered, but not Subdued." The young lad was evidently conquered by his mother. There he stood, with his face half turned towards the wall: but there was determination in the mouth, defiance in the eye, anger in the nostrils; he was conquered but not subdued. Drive a sinner in argument to a corner, so that he cannot move, yet he can sink, and sink he will to his own hell. You have all seen sheet-lightnings; they flash, they dazzle, but they never kill. And arguments after all are only sheet-lightnings—flashing, dazzling, enlightening, but not killing in the sense in which Paul says that he was slain. I say nothing against logic: have as much of it in the pulpit as you can; but, after all, logic will not save the world. God can never save you by argument; the world will defy the Almighty in a debate. There