

Spirit therein. Where the ground is prepared, and no grain cultivated therein, weeds will most certainly grow. That tares are sown, and frequently sown, in the cleansed heart, is beyond question. As illustrating this truth, a quotation from Wesley's letter to Mr. Maxfield, may not be out of place. Maxfield professed to have received, and doubtless had received, the blessing of a pure heart. In this letter Wesley admonishes him as follows: (1) "I like your doctrine of perfection, or pure love—love excluding sin; your insisting that is by faith; that, consequently, it is instantaneous (though preceded and followed by a gradual work), and that it may be now at this instant. But I dislike your saying a man may be as perfect as an angel, that he can be infallible, or above being tempted; or, that the moment he is pure in heart he cannot fall from it. I dislike your directly or indirectly depreciating justification, saying a justified person is not in Christ, is not born of God, is not sanctified, not a temple of the Holy Ghost, or that he cannot please God, or cannot grow in grace.

"I dislike your affirming that justified persons in general persecute them that are saved from sin, and that they have persecuted you on this account.

(2) "As to your spirit, I like your confidence in God, and your zeal for the salvation of souls:

"I dislike something which has the appearance of pride, or overvaluing yourself and undervaluing others, particularly the preachers, thinking not only they are blind, and that they are not sent of God, but even that they are dead—dead to God, and walking