

unless we shall do more for his cause? If the Lord of life left the glory he had with the Father before the world was, spent a life in "doing good," and finally "suffered, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God," shall we profess to be his followers, and at the same time be nothing but worldlings, seeking earthly gain and ease? Surely if we do, we shall find ourselves greatly mistaken.

It may be that some one is saying that we are doing as much as is required. This, no doubt, is true of some few, but it is not true of the great mass, who have yielded themselves to be servants of Christ. No, verily; such efforts as are being made by thousands never did and never will turn sinners from darkness to light and from Satan to God. There must be a greater earnestness, a greater concern, and a more deep and abiding regard for the redemption of souls from the thralldom of sin and death, and their liberation in the kingdom of light, under the protection of the Almighty King, before the great work of our God can prosper. Ministers and churches must awake from their slumbers, and pore over the heavenly pages of the holy book until their souls shall become inflamed with that burning missionary spirit which dwelt in the bosom of the eternal Father, when he sent the message of salvation to our lost and ruined world.

Where are those flaming souls burning with the love of God and love for man, under the influence of the Holy Spirit of God, traversing the land day and night, in cold and heat, seeking every neighborhood, village, town, and city, sowing the seeds of eternal life hither and thither? I say, where are they? Here and there one is to be found characterized by the zeal, earnestness, and energy of former times; but for one such, how many have we that have either "quit the field" for some worldly pursuit, or so lost all his zeal and engagedness as to produce no effect on the church or the world, except to *tire both* (the few who listen to them) with their lifeless and unfeeling discourses.

But we have not touched the tender place yet. The grand cause why our Lord has no more able and talented pleaders, is that he does not offer so *high fees* as the men of this world, and they are afraid to trust themselves in his hands, and plead his cause, for fear they will starve to death. Or if not afraid of actual starvation, they are afraid they will not fare as "sumptuously every day," and glitter in just as many broadcloths as some of their brethren. Or at least they fear that they will not possess as many fine herds of cattle and swine, fine farms and shining dollars, barns and store-houses, and such like good things of this world, as some of their wealthy brethren, and conse-