

that, scattering itself over the face of the earth, should regenerate the whole world. He upheld the authority, the inspiration of that Word. He never cavilled at translations or additions or versions. He recognized in it that it contained and revealed and brought home to man the words of his God and Lawgiver and Judge; and in all His dealings and in all His ministry He asserted and maintained the fundamental principle—*The Word of God for every man in his own tongue.*

I come now to that period after His ascension. The foundations of the church were laid by Him during the days of His earthly ministry. The perfect organization of that church were all after His ascension vested in the divine person and administration of God the Holy Ghost. And this brings us to the day when the curse of Babel should be abrogated and indeed reversed; when every man should hear in his own tongue wherein he was born the wonderful works of God. There were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. The apostles whom he had commanded were there waiting with one accord in one place. The moment had arrived; the rushing, mighty wind filled the place where they were sitting; the cloven fiery tongues sat upon every apostolic head; their tongues were set on fire; they arose and preached; they declared so that every man heard in his own tongue the wonderful works of God; and they all came together, and were amazed, and said, "Are not all these that speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born?" What an assembly was that! What a representative gathering from all the world! What a parliament of Man! What a federation of the world! And as that great assembly dissolved, and those men returned to their distant homes, each of them was the bearer of the Word of God addressed to him, which became his own. He carried it back with him; he preached it; so that by God's great providential arrangement the whole world of that day was flooded with the Word of God. Nor was this all. It pleased the great ascended and glorified Head of the Church shortly after to raise up a world-apostle, a man who should be able to carry out and fulfil His command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The world of that day, as you have heard, rested upon three civilizations; and therefore Pontius Pilate, when he wrote the superscription and placed it over the cross of the world's Redeemer, being guided by a power that he knew not of, wrote that superscription in the three languages of the civilized world—the ancient Hebrew, and the Greek and the Latin. And