

God is glorified in sinners being saved and in saints being sanctified, and desires to be so glorified.

In speaking of the relation of our theology to missionary effort, I wish to show first of all the effect it should have on the preacher.

1. It should lead the preacher to make God's glory his highest aim in all his evangelistic labours. The Gospel is the highest manifestation of the divine glory. Divine mercy and purity, truth and wisdom, are conspicuously displayed in the cross of Jesus. Now if the preacher thoroughly understand the Gospel and surrender his heart to its holy power, as the means used by the holy Spirit to elevate, ennoble and purify the character, he will consecrate himself to seek the glory of God.

2. It should make the preacher earnest. The Gospel reveals God as in earnest about the salvation of man,—as having given up Jesus, his well-beloved Son, to agonies and death for sinners, and as having sent forth the loving Spirit to strive with them, and lead them to Jesus. Now, can a preacher really believe that God intensely desires the salvation of sinners, and not be himself in earnest that men may be brought to Jesus Christ? And I need not inform you that earnestness is a most important qualification in a preacher,—such earnestness as is begotten and fostered in the soul by an intelligent apprehension of God's desire that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

3. The Gospel is fitted to fill the preacher with love to the souls of men. The earnestness of the preacher should be a tender, a winning earnestness. It should be evident to all that he loves the souls of his hearers. Now is not God's Gospel of love fitted to produce such affectionate tenderness? God is love. His love shines in Jesus and in the Spirit. So that if the preacher is at all influenced by the message he makes known, he must be most affectionate and tender and winning in his labours for the good of souls. We thus see, brethren, that the Gospel we proclaim is fitted to furnish us with most important qualifications for our arduous work. Let us seek by earnest prayer more light and holy power, and the consequences must be most blissful to ourselves and others.

Let us now inquire into the adaptations of the Gospel for the restoration of the soul to God. It reveals God as a God of love. We can tell the sinner that God loves him. No matter how great his sins may be, or how deep he may be sunk in vice, or how