

ed. In the present time the same blessing is continually given now to heads of households, who, having accepted Christ for themselves, immediately preach Christ at home, to those around them, and so become the channels of bringing salvation to their households. This was the injunction also of our Saviour to the maniac restored, in *Mark* v. 19; and see how wonderful was the effect of this witnessing among his friends: those who then prayed Jesus to depart out of their coasts are found in *Mark* vii. 37, praising Him for His works of mercy and love—welcomed rather than rejected.

So the command was, for "every man" to gather; and, as God commanded then, so does He now, under this newer dispensation of the Spirit, in *Acts* xvii. 30, "commanding *all men everywhere* to repent"; then there is the free and full invitation to feast on the good things of God in *Isaiah* lv. Souls who refuse now to listen to these commands and invitations will have no excuse in that day of judgment that salvation was not offered to them.

*Verse* 18 teaches us another precious lesson, especially for the weak and timid believer. God gave a measure, the omer, that was to be gathered for every man to support life; and when the manna came to be measured out after the gathering of it, so it was found that those who had the ability to gather much, however abundantly, had *only an omer full* for each person, while those who were only able to gather little, still found that that little *filled the omer*. So it is with those who, weak in faith, timid and trembling, who have not found strong assurance of salvation, yet this weak faith, if a true faith, will be found to fill God's measure. The strong in faith, in full enjoyment of peace and assurance of eternal life, who have gathered much, will have none too much faith, whereby they can give to others; they will only have enough to fill God's

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