

God, using the name which is common among themselves. Among others, such points as the following were emphasized: 1. That *there is but one* Lord of Heaven. 2. That He is a *living* Lord. 3. That He *loves all men*. 4. That He is *pure and holy*. 5. That He is a *spirit*. 6. That He *has spoken* to man. An effort was made to use appropriate illustrations, of a very simple kind, to make my meaning clear.

The presence of very aged persons in other cases suggested the thought of a question on the future world. When man dies what follows? To this the replies were various. Many thought that death ends all. About as many said that they knew nothing on such matters. Who could know anything about the unseen? Having obtained various replies it was in order then to give some Scriptural teaching on the subject. As worship of ancestors is universal in China reference was always made to that custom. If death ends all why do men worship ancestors and offer so many gifts at such services? To whom is the worship rendered? Who receives the gifts presented? The statements of Scripture seemed to cause some surprise but did not awaken real interest. On several occasions the reply given was, "No person has come from the unseen world to tell men of these things." Thus nothing regarding them can be known. This statement gave an oppor-

tunity of making known to them how Jesus has revealed God to men, given light on the awful problem of death, deprived the grave of its terror, and opened a way of deliverance from misery and to eternal happiness.

A question addressed to opium users invariably drew forth the reply that its use injured them in many ways and blessed them in none. Why then did they continue using what they knew was injurious? They had found it easy to learn the habit and had not strength to break with it. Were they prepared then to train their children to the use of it? No. They did not want them to suffer. From this it was evident that they could easily learn evil habits and with great difficulty abandon them. The same kind of reasoning was then applied to other practices in which men freely indulge. The heart loved evil more than good. Yet the Lord of Heaven could so influence it that men will delight in fighting evil habits, succeed in overcoming them and be made His true free men.

In some cases when they heard of western customs the remark was made that "All under heaven had the same way or doctrine." Taking this as a starting point it was easy showing that men differed in many things and agreed on many also. In all countries man spoke some language, partook of food, used clothes and worshipped some kind