

by God through holy men of old who spake as they were taught by the Holy Ghost. The peculiar power of the Bible is evidenced by the way in which its texts put into ordinary language a strange power which gives the user of language a far-reaching influence over his fellow men. Instances of this will occur to every one, but one may illustrate by recalling that in a time of great stress the words of our Lord, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," quoted by Abraham Lincoln as proof that his nation could not endure half slave and half free, sped to the hearts of a mighty people who saw the crisis by the gleam of these words, and rose to save their country. This unique power of Scriptural language arises from the fact that in the Scriptures God has provided a principle for every possible situation to the end of time. Nothing in this modern day of ours is a surprise to the Book of God. Everything is anticipated and provided for in this treasure-house of Divine thought. The trouble in our generation is that men are not as familiar with the language of the Scripture as they should be, and that hence, in a time of social stress when there is supreme need of authoritative guiding principles to prevent chaos, confusion may ensue. No one is surprised to hear the familiar story of the great stateswoman whom we knew