

mercy waiting upon man; then man's deplorable hardness of heart, and departure from the paths of peace and holiness. And ask yourselves, is man any better now? Is he less vain-glorious—less a worshipper of the works of his own hands? Or has man been rushing with increased velocity, "waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived"? You know he has; you are conscious in your own souls that increased civilization and luxury has not brought increased holiness, but rather a thorough proud Laodicean condition, lukewarm at heart, and self-satisfied, "rich and increased with good, and need of nothing." I solemnly warn you to awake, and trim your lamps and gird up the loins of your minds, for "the days are at hand, and the effect of every vision." What can God do more for you? His everlasting arms are open; Jesus is pointing to the bosom of love; behold the Spirit testifying, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation; the doors of the eternal city are open, and the redeemed ones with their halleluiahs summon you. "God is in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them"; and the last universal summons of the Bible is, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. xxii. 17).

