

"Go and tell my disciples AND PETER "

Ah! there are some here saying. "But Peter was not so bad as I am. Well, we don't know anything about that, but, whether you are worse or not, the Holy Ghost is equal to the emergency. He can cure you. He can baptize you with His power. You may have denied Him, if not as Peter did, yet practically as bad. It makes no difference to God whether you have been a little bad or very bad; whether you have denied Him once or thrice, or whether you have denied Him with oaths and curses. If you will only come *and comply with the conditions*. He will look on you, heal you, and baptize you with power. Did they not all forsake Him and flee, except a few poor faithful women? All the world forsook Him and fled in the hour of His extremity. "Ah!" you say, "well, I have done the same myself. I would not watch with Him one hour. I have betrayed him before my friends and acquaintances in the world, where I have been brought into circumstances that tested my fidelity. My courage has failed, and I have failed to witness for Him." Yes, I know and agree with you that it was base ingratitude. You were a traitor, indeed, but still, if you will come back, "Peter," and repent, and do your first works, He will receive you—baptize you with power, Oh! what they were before Pentecost, and what they were after. Poor Peter, who could not stand the questionings of a servant maid, who could not dare to have it said that he was one of the despised Nazarines, what a valiant soldier he afterwards became for the Lord Jesus