

where met more people whom I could love—more lovely or better people than in this city. But here also, I have met as much hypocrisy and ingratitude, deceit and falsehood, as much pride of ignorance, and insolence of wealth, as much selfishness in its varied manifestations, as much want of principle and want of respect for God, as I have ever seen anywhere else, among either Jews or Mohammedans. Some of those who have voluntarily come to me for instruction, and guidance under the convictions of conscience, have of their own accord made confessions that have utterly astounded me. There have been times during my ministry, when persons have expressed surprise at the frequency and urgency with which I set forth the enormity, and dissuaded from various forms of sin. They little knew, and through me they never will know, the terrible temptations with which some in this congregation, aye in the very families of those expressing the most surprise, were known to me to be then struggling. Let me tell you, you need to encourage your pastors to be faithful and to speak plainly and frequently with reference even to the worst forms of vice. Persons in this city of good position and good reputation have voluntarily confessed to me, that they had actually broken every commandment of the Decalogue, except the sixth commandment, and they had been saved from that, only by the fear of the hangman! The human heart is corrupt and depraved. Man must be born again, or he cannot find happiness in a world where all is perfect purity, and where universal love is the governing principle. Man, unrenewed, is without God and without any reasonable fitness for eternity. His morality cannot save him. Unless God interpose by his Spirit, man will continue in sin until he sinks into the dark caverns of eternal night. Such has been and such is my firm conviction. I have looked upon men as depraved and lost; I have labored among you under this impression.

2. Another great principle underlying my course