

quivering yonder in the sun, though a hundred million miles away, and would it be strange for my soul to quiver under the influence of the soul of God, who holds and sustains all things, and who has promised to speak to me, and who loved me so much as to give His own son to die for me? God verily is ready to dwell with men on earth. He loves them and guides them, and your heart and mine may quiver under divine influence. Has it not been so? Do not you and I know that sometimes we have been strangely under the eye of the judgment seat and the throne of God? Have we not been startled at the idea of being ushered into eternity? Who can explain the strange feeling we have in our hearts, and the strange thoughts that come? Who can explain the thoughts that come to childhood, and the questions it asks, which we are incompetent often to answer? Who suggested these thoughts? Who gave them this power to think and act, and what is it but the Eternal Mind acting on their mind? The great God teaches the little children to think and to feel; it is because He dwells with men and takes up His abode with them.

Again, what are the effects that are to follow from our recognizing God as dwelling with man? You have erected this church; you have done it because you believe in God. The Christian creed says, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty," and this church responds to and is an outgrowth of your creed. You believe in God, you show your faith by planting this church. You believe in Christ, the Eternal Son of the Father, who is to reign and govern all things, and you believe that He is to be here to touch the hearts of the sons of men. Now as one of the matters in connection with this, I believe that God as much sends people to hear me preach as He ever sent me to preach. I believe that the heart is touched at home before it starts, that God comes with the hearer here and prepares his heart for hearing, and the only hope I have of doing any good by preaching is, that God may give me some word to answer

a query already started in the heart before it comes here. He puts the heart in a frame of mind to hear something which He gives me power to utter, He gives it power to vibrate, He gives me power to hear it. There are correspondences everywhere, and the God who ordained the pulpit, and calls the ministry, ordains the church and calls the workers. He gave you this bright and beautiful morning, He gave you a desire to come to this church to see and to hear, and it was all that He might lead you to Himself. He is around us, and about us, nay more, within us; in Him we live and move and have our being. If our eyes could be opened, if we could just see what is around us, and how He is guarding us, and how He is on our pathways, it would seem as if we were very close to the throne of God.

It is not only an individual influence God is exercising, but He gives power to His Church. God comes and dwells in His Church, and there is the hope of its success. It is a spiritual power, and yet it works in various ways, mentally, socially and spiritually, but it is God working and leading to the same grand results. God is working in His Church for the salvation of the world, and you have erected this church, that you may reach some of the people in this part of the city, you are here to give more strength to the hope of God's elect, and there may be hundreds who shall come bowing at this altar, finding that peace that passeth all knowledge, and shall go from this place to be the children of God, and to work for the advancement of His kingdom. Oh! that this church may realize always the presence of God.

I believe God works externally to open up the way for the Church, socially and financially. When Christ sent out His disciples into the world to preach the Gospel to every creature, it would have been very natural to say, "That nation is opposed to Christianity; that island is not accessible to it." But what did Jesus say? "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth"—that power