

efforts to spread this part of the Gospel. It is true that he will be called to grieve over much legalistic thought, which may unconsciously mix itself up with even this part of his work through his want of personal acquaintanceship with the Holy Spirit. But, on the principle of a part of a good thing being better than none at all, he can rejoice in what of good is thus being done, even when grieving that the whole symmetrical Gospel is not forthcoming.

Still, again, he can rejoice over his emphatic preaching of the commandments, even when accompanied with the thunderings and lightnings of Sinai; for to all out of Christ the law is the school-master, and is, or should be, in universal demand, lash and all, even as Wesley hath it:—

"If mercy will not draw,
Then by Thy terrors move,
And keep an humble soul in awe
That will not yield to love."

To preach the gospel of freedom from the law to any who are not walking in the full-orbed Pentecostal experience is to preach lawlessness in its worst form. Hence it is that we should rejoice greatly when they who do not walk in the Spirit teach the letter of the law with painstaking exactness, and enforce its claims with all the pains and penalties which are connected with the least breach thereof.

So, too, the involuntary sighing over necessary failure, whether brought out in aspiratory prayer, or in bitter self-upbraidings, or in tearful petition, should ever be regarded and rejoiced over as an evidence of simple honesty. It is true that these signs of the absence of the fulness of the Spirit, as they smite on the ear with wearying iteration during weeks, months, and even long years of monotonous utterance, test and try to the utmost the listener; but even here patience can be permitted to do its perfect work for our good to edification. And when it is the evident will of the Lord that we spend much time as simple listeners, all this will have its appropriate place in our life, as we learn of Him who is meek and lowly.

But is there any rule compelling the

spiritual to spend much time in these surroundings? None but the law of the Spirit to each individual. He who walks in the Spirit shall always know for himself just how much time thus to spend, and by no other means can he correctly know. And so it follows that the conduct of no two must necessarily be alike. It is sufficient for us to know that he who stays and he who stays not are equally right and doing the will of God, if so be they follow their Guide in thus acting.

But what if the pastor, in all his teaching, discriminates against those who walk in the Spirit? Now this discrimination can be done in many ways. It can be done by attacking the doctrine itself or some of the necessary inferences or details thereof. It can be done, in intention, by giving heed to some second-hand, untruthful reports, and on the strength of them dress up a man of straw at which to fling his arguments and epithets. But even under such circumstances, there can be no rule laid down for another's direction. He who walks in the Spirit will know exactly what to do, and will act in cheerful obedience, whether to be absent or present, whether to be silent or not; whilst under all circumstances he will not only know and do the perfect will of Heaven, but will realize that *good* is the will of the Lord as far as he is concerned, and that outside of him all things are working together for the good of all who love God, and still outside of this circle of blessing, all things, so far as God is concerned, are worked on the plan of mercy and love to all. With unwearied effort, God works so that individual man may be placed in circumstances the most favorable possible for his spiritual welfare. And so the exhortation will ever be heeded by such. "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for, it is written, Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

But again, what if there be direct, personal attack from the pulpit, and unconcealed efforts to drive away those who have the Pentecostal testimony? Now, it has again and again been just here that revivals of the work of the