

We know also, that the forerunner of our Lord, though he was himself "a light," a "burning and a shining light," was not that Light, but "came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

"*I am the light of the world,*" is one of the most comprehensive expressions in all the word of God. It is one of the sublimest sentiments that ever was uttered by Jesus Christ. He thought what never man thought. He knew what never man knew. He felt as never man felt. He prayed as never man prayed; and He spake as never man spake.

Some of his sublimest truths were uttered in the ears of his greatest and most bitter enemies, and our motto was among that number. "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." No mere man that ever appeared in our world, however learned, and wise, and good, and great he might be, could with anything like propriety or truth, utter such a sentiment as this. Had Aristotle, or Plato, or Paul, or Socrates, or Shakespeare, claimed to be *the light of the world*, such a claim would have been justly treated with ridicule and contempt. "I am the light of the world," is far too sublime, and grand, and glorious a sentiment for any man to utter but the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

It is actually painful to hear what some men have to say about themselves. They talk so much about what they are, what they have done or will do, that you cannot help seeing vain glory, and sheer selfishness shining through their oft-repeated "I" and "ME." But it is far otherwise when we come within the sound of Christ's voice, and listen to what He has to say to us about Himself. What he says about Himself is not only all true, it is truly delightful. What He says about Himself is fitted to draw forth our gratitude, our confidence, our love, our admiration, our won-