

doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." Christ in these words again drops the plummet and tests your love for Him by your willingness to work for Him. Now my friends, how does your love stand the test of the plumb line? How many souls have you sought to lead to the Saviour? How much have you given that the gospel might be given to the heathen? How much have you done of real honest hard work for the upbuilding of the church—for the glory of Christ? How much have you done in the way of encouraging others? My friends, if the plumb line shows neglect of duties that ought to be performed, the presence of sin that eateth like a canker, the presence of selfishness and love of ease, the presence of indifference to the claims of missions, what should we do? Why, do as the builder when he finds a crooked wall—make it straight. With God's help do your duty. With God's help give up your besetting sins. With God's help begin to work for Christ. You may have heard of the traveller who was perishing with cold amidst the snow of the Alps. He was almost despairing of ever reaching a place of safety. But in the storm he discovered a poor traveller in a worse plight unconscious in the snow. He set to work, forgetful of his own suffering, to save a fellow sufferer, and in so doing he caused new life to course through his veins, and he not only saved the life of the traveller, but in so doing saved his own. And so, my Christian friends, active Christian work will not only save others, but will make the fire of love to burn more brightly in your own heart.

III. *Again God's plumb line reminds you and me that God will hold us responsible for the privileges we enjoy.* God's plumb line will yet be cast in the day of judgment, and on that day it will be too late to rectify mistakes. God will not pass by. Wicked men do not like to hear of the doctrine of human responsibility. It is a terrible thought to think that we are responsible for all we say and do in this life. No wonder that wicked men strive to flee from such a conclusion. Yes, friends, whether we like it or not, we are responsible. God says, "I will not pass by." Now let us look at our responsibility for a short time. We are responsible for the way we have treated Christ. There are a great many other things for which we will be held responsible, but the one most important responsibility for which you and I will have to answer is how we treated Christ. Friend, what will you say on the day of judgment as your reason why you did not believe in Christ and free salva-