

His departure, but the Lord positively forbade them: "Tarry," said He, "in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." All the historical facts of our Lord's life were clearly before them, but they did not understand their spiritual import and value. They did not grasp the substitutional character of His sufferings, the preciousness of His blood, the spirituality of His kingdom or the nearness of His future coming. They wanted light, they wanted power; and these were supplied in the coming of the Holy Ghost. It is the same now. If all the men who press forward for the ministry would only wait until they were endued with power from on high, the Church would shake the world. All the learning of the schools, however subtle, however profound, cannot supply this power; the Holy Ghost we must have, we ought to have, and, let us register our fixed determination, we *shall* have. "A minister enters the pulpit with the idea of preaching Christ. He has the facts concerning Christ, but not the light to illuminate nor the power to enforce them. He consequently fails and the congregation is glad when the sermon is over. It was like a professor giving his students a lecture on botany at midnight. Gentlemen, he says, if you will only stoop down and feel these flowers, you will perceive how exquisite is their structure, and how various their growth. But botany cannot be studied at midnight. And Christ cannot be preached at midnight either without the Holy Ghost. Preachers speak of a Christ, but their congregations do not see Him; of His exquisite loveliness, but they do not comprehend it. All is dark; midnight is about them. What is needed is Light, Life, Power, and these three are in the Holy Ghost.

Before concluding this subject, let me say: we in the Church of England have truth, the precious, eternal truth; but let us see we have something beside the truth, namely, the power to make known the truth, for of all that God abhors, the most repulsive is a dead cold evangelicism, without power, without fruits, without zeal—a body without its life, a sky without its sun.

*Thirdly*: We need a ministry courageous and outspoken for the Truth.

Among the many forms of evil which assail us at the present time, two especially demand our notice. I shall mention first: The increasing respect paid, particularly by our younger men, to the dogmatic utterances of what are supposed to be advanced science and searching criticism. If all that is claimed to be science were really so, and if criticism were as luminous as is fondly dreamed, however rude the shock, we could only bow to their decisions and admit with a sigh our multiplied errors in the past. So far, however, from this being the case, it is glaringly the opposite. If some of the psalmists of speculative science affect to discredit Revelation: they are still