

human wisdom may improve on the scheme which God Himself made perfect. His own glory is connected with that scheme, and on it depends the salvation of the myriads, on their journey to the eternal world. If saved, it must be by knowing and understanding this message, in its simple purity, as given by Jesus. God is here a jealous God. He who so loved perishing sinners, that to save and bring them back to his family, He gave them up His beloved Son to die, will he not visit with His terrible displeasure, the man, professing to be His ambassador, and yet by obscuring or perverting the Gospel, is leading sinners away? Need we wonder at the strong language employed by the Apostle in our text, and when he declares that if an angel from Heaven should preach any other Gospel, let him be accursed? There is no traitor so guilty, as the ambassador, who perverts his Sovereign's instructions, and shapes his message so as to undermine the authority of his royal Master. But unspeakably more is to be dreaded the guilt of unfaithfulness, in the office to which the ministers of Christ are devoted. They are placed in charge of the treasures of the Gospel, the great store-house of God's love, while around are multitudes perishing of famine. How fearful the cruelty and the crime, if through design or neglect they distribute not the bread of life, placed ready at their hand, but instead thereof, empty husks and poisonous fruit of their own providing. Standing amid the wounded and dying, with the remedy in their hands which can heal every wound and restore to life and strength, how heartless and guilty to give, instead of that sure and tried remedy, opiates to soothe and please, and throw the dying into insensibility and sleep. Such is the estimate of the word of God of the guilt of being unfaithful, as stewards of Christ. He Himself accomplished the whole work, endured all the sufferings required to redeem a lost world, and He asks of His servants only the easy and the joyful labour, to go and tell their fellow-sinners what He has done and provided for them. He stimulates to diligence and faithfulness in this, by the promise of His own presence now, and of glory and joy unspeakable hereafter, and need we wonder, that He threatens with a terrible doom the pro-

fessed servant, who will betray His cause, and thus take part with His enemies?

Difficulties and trials, and they are many, are inseparable from our work, which comes into closer contact than any other, with ingratitude and the malice and hypocrisy of fallen nature, but notwithstanding this, there is connected with this work, the highest and the largest measures of happiness, if with earnest and prayerful and believing hearts, we seek to imbibe our Master's spirit and to follow in His steps. There was a joy set before Him for which he endured the cross and despised the shame. He saw the reward, it was sure, and the Saviour rejoiced amid His sorest trials. "He shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied." Souls would be saved, and He would welcome these souls yet, to the mansions of His Father. This was the joy set before Him, and when the hearts of His servants sympathize with Him, in His love for the perishing soul, this joy will be set before them too. As the fruit of their labors and trials, they may confidently hope to meet in Heaven souls saved and brought there by their humble instrumentality, and as their hearts dwell upon this, and faith reveals more and more of the coming glory, they are enabled to rise above the world, to despise its attractions, and to rejoice when suffering for their fidelity to their gracious Master.

May God add His blessing, and to His name be all the praise.

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Next day, at noon, Lima, the capital of the State of Ohio, is reached, the train having been running for many a mile over a road as straight as a die. This State is not to be compared with New Jersey or with Pennsylvania, through which we passed yesterday, and which generations, sprung from the thriftiest people in the world, have made a perfect garden. Ohio is a comparatively new state—a flat country, with beautiful woods of elm and maple and birch, and all variety of trees