

trumpet, but his sermons depended for their power less upon the externals of oratory than the most, witness the avidity with which they are read by hundreds of thousands. He had a wonderful command of terse, strong Anglo-Saxon, which he could use with sledge-hammer force. His thought was as clear as crystal. It is almost impossible to find an obscure sentence in all his published works. His heart was large and his sympathies broad and quick. Not only his thought, but its appropriate feeling is mirrored in his speech, giving it life and fire. In his most impassioned utterances there was no semblance of cant or pretence. He spoke burning words because his soul was aflame. His hearers always felt that all he said was but the honest expression of what was terribly or gloriously real to him. In all this, however, we are but touching upon the outskirts of his power.

He had an unshaken confidence in the Scriptures as the Word of God. The laboratory of the Higher Criticism brought forth for him no troubling doubt. He could stake upon their truth all the unspeakable issues of the everlasting with no tremor of fear. No rationalizing New Theology could lead him to wrest the Scriptures from their general and plain meaning, in order to conform them to the doubtful interpretation of a few obscure passages. He believed the Bible was a revelation of truth, not a book of puzzles. He thought he could know what it taught, even when its teachings are too profound for comprehension. He felt so sure that he had found out its general meaning that he did not need to revise his creed at the uprising of each new theory or cavil. In proclaiming its truth he was sublimely sure he was giving men God's own message. While his soul revelled in the contemplation of the love of God, he also adored his righteousness and holiness. He never felt called upon to ignore the sterner truths lest he should arouse opposition, or to dull their keen edge lest he should wound tender sensibilities. He was the ambassador of God. It was not for him to attempt to justify or excuse, or speculate about the messages his Master gave him. It was for him to proclaim them as divine verities; it was for men to heed them.

Not only did the truths of the Scriptures satisfy his mind, but they also satisfied his heart, and filled him with wondering