

sin, it does not follow that freedom from sin is impossible ; or, that it is not to be expected by all : for it is promised. It is described by the Holy Ghost as the common privilege of all ; and " God will be mindful " (O let us be so !) of his covenant and promise which he hath made to a thousand generations."

This caution is necessary to be remembered, that ye who are weak be not offended. Neither be ye offended, when ye hear the wisdom of the world pronounce all this mere enthusiasm : a hard word, which most of those who are fondest of it, no more understand than they do Arabic. Ask, in the spirit of meekness, him who calls it so, " Is the kingdom of God set up in your soul ? Do you feel that peace of God which passeth all understanding ? Do you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory ? Is the love of God shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in you ? If not, you are no judge of these matters. You cannot discern the things of the Spirit of God. They are enthusiasm, madness, foolishness to you ; for they are spiritually discerned."

Ask such a one, (but with meekness and love,) " Are you taught of God ? Do you know that he abideth in you ? Have you the revelation of the Holy Ghost " (they are the words of our own Church) " inspiring into you the true meaning of Scripture ? If you have not, with all your human science and worldly wisdom,