

given unto us." How has this love to flow? I turn to first John, 3 chap. 14 verse, and I find: "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." I have received that love, and there is a love going out. Wherever there is a brother, no matter whether black or white, he is my brother. My love goes out to him. I cannot help it; it comes from above, and must go out. I turn to that passage with respect to love for one's enemies. Matthew, 5 chap. 44 verse: "Not only must I love my brethren, those animated with the same spirit; but I must love my enemies. That is a good test of a personal Christianity. There, you see, I am establishing the relationship of this love. I am ascertaining whether I can stand the test. Then there is love on the negative side. "Love not the world,"—and so on. I think this is a very good way to find out that every word of the Scriptures has something to say in reference to God. Take a text of Scripture and pull it to pieces. By doing so I get wonderful power into my own soul. Take Hebrews, 13 chap. 20 verse: "Now, the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will." Paul is here giving what lawyer's call a summing up. He had been writing to the Hebrews who were on the verge of apostasy. He has been endeavouring to rouse them from their fearful condition. Now he says that if they have the Spirit of God in their hearts, they will give evidences of it. Then he says, "Now, the God of Peace." Why the God of Peace? Because He is the author of Peace. He made Peace by the blood of Christ. "Now, the God of Peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus." Why, "from the dead?" Our Lord Jesus. He is our Lord. And why our Lord? Because he arose from the dead with power and great might. Our Lord Jesus. Jesus is the original name. Then He is called "the great Shepherd of the Sheep." Why the great? Any other name applied to Him? Yes, there was a time when He was called the good Shepherd. "The good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep." "Why is the term "great" used here? Because now He has power; power which God has given to Him. There are the sheep—those for whom He has laid down His life. May every one be brought into His fold. Then it says, "through the blood." He could not give the renewed life without the blood. I find there is this passage in Hebrews: "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." Neither can I get in without the blood. It is through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant I see always a Covenant. When was it made? Before the mountains were brought forth; or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world." I go back into the eternal purposes of God. I see there must have been a Covenant between the Father. "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin he shall see his seed; he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hands; He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied." There I see the everlasting Covenant. There I rest my soul, feeling that I have a sure foundation on which to rest my faith. That is the way in which I believe we should pull text of Scriptures to pieces, and thereby we can obtain much comfort for our own souls. We might take up the plan of the ages. At Ephesians 3 chap. 11 verse, we see the purposes of God. I can there see what these purposes are. My soul is refreshed every Sabbath I take up this wonderful Book. Then there are difficulties constantly cropping up. How are these difficulties to be met? Call on God in prayer and He will

open up and make clear anything that is dark in His Word. Then I get hold of the wonderful hope of the coming of the Lord Jesus. Then we must be constantly looking for the coming of Christ. Then I might ask the question. What should be the effect of all this on my heart and life? It should enable me to go forth and preach the gospel with power from heaven. There is a wonderful passage in 2nd Corinthians: "God hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." That is what we want. Every truth we receive should be operative; it should go out from us telling others about the Saviour, that our souls may be built up and established in the most Holy Faith."

MR. MOODY.—Our brother had a pretty hard task. He had the whole Bible for a text and only ten minutes to speak in, but I think that you will agree with me that he got in as much of the Bible in that time as a man could well do. I want to emphasize what he said about the inspiration of the Scriptures. I was a Christian for a number of years before the thought came to me that the text which says, "All scripture is given by inspiration," meant the Old Testament. For the New Testament was not written at that time. I cannot tell what a flood of light was let into my life from that hour. I have been grieved to find so many people, even Christian people, at the present day, losing their confidence in some portions of the Old Testament, and that with a good many others the Old Testament does not come with the same authority as the New. Just as if we had two Bibles. It is one book, and the whole stands or falls together, because the New Testament is all through interwoven with passages from the Old, and you cannot throw one out without the other. The very things in the Old Testament which men cavil most at are the very things which Christ put his seal upon when on earth. Some Christian men have said to me, "You don't believe that story about the flood and about the ark? You don't believe that old sort of fable, do you?" I answer, "Yes." I believe it as much as I believe the sermon on the mount, and when one goes the other must go with me. If the one is not true we have no authority for the other, because Christ connected his return to this earth with the awful event of the deluge, saying, "As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking until flood swept them away." But people say, "You don't believe that story of Lot and Sodom and Lot's wife?" Yes, just as much as I do the sermon on the mount. As it was in the days of Lot; they were buying and selling until judgment came upon them, as it will be when Christ comes back to this earth. He has given us a picture of how the world will be when He returns. "But you don't believe about Lot's wife being turned into a pillar of salt?" Oh yes, I do. I believe it—believe every word of it. "That's queer. Well, you certainly don't believe that old story about Jonah and the whale?" No, I don't give that up. "Well, I thought nobody believed that at the present day. Why don't you know that scientific men have made a great discovery, that a whale's mouth is not bigger than a man's fist, and that it is perfectly impossible for a whale to swallow a man?" Yes, that is what scientific men say, but I go to the scriptures and I find that the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. The God that created a world could make a fish, could he not? I have a good deal of sympathy with the old woman who said that if the scripture declared that Jonah swallowed a whale she would believe it. I believe that God could make a man swallow a