

Jesus to unite with him from duty, a day's journey into the wilderness, and, in false diffidence and despondency, hid himself in a cave, there did he meet Christ, who said unto him : "What doest thou here, Elijah?" And after instructing and encouraging him, he brought him back again to society and to duty. O, the completeness, the blessedness, and the safety of the man to whom Christ is thus partitioned be "all," and with whom he is "in all!"

It is when Christ is "all" to a person that he derives the greatest advantage from worldly objects, worldly possessions, and worldly pursuits, and enjoys the greatest happiness in them. No parents enjoy their children so much as those to whom Christ is "all in all." No one is so likely to prosper, even in worldly matters, and no one is so sure of happiness in his prosperity and in his worldly business, be it what it may, as the person to whom Christ is his "all and in all."

Religion, remember, however, is not the business of certain hours or of certain places. Religion is the business of every hour and every place—of the shop, the farm, the market, the family-fireside, the social gathering of friends, as well as of the Sabbath, the communion, and the prayer-meeting. Everything should be done in a loving, thanksgiving, cheerful spirit; and then such a spirit is a religious spirit. But, without a sense of the presence and love of Christ in all these, no one can have such a spirit. Therefore, in order to have and to manifest this spirit, Christ must be with us in all these."

With affection did I, in my opening sermon, "beseech all who knew that Christ was not their all, and who did not wish to meet him or care to have him in all, to consider their ways. I besought them to believe that Christ was willing to be unto them their all, and to be with them in all. In this, my closing sermon as minister of this congregation, I am addressing several who are living without God and without hope in the world.

Interested as I felt in the welfare of those whom I addressed in my opening sermon, I feel more interested in you. They were comparatively strangers to me. I have long known you. The most of you, if not all of you, are my friends, and the children of friends—baptized by me, brought up under my ministry.

To you, my friends, dearly beloved, and especially my young friends, I now say: Come to Jesus—take him to be your Saviour, your all. Let him be with you in all. He offers himself to you for these purposes. Let not your known or felt sins prevent you from now coming to Christ, and from taking him to be thus your "all in all." He knows all your sins, and yet he tells you His blood cleanseth from all sin. Be not afraid of his commandments or ordinances. In the believing, loving, keeping and observance of them, you will find a great reward—a much greater reward than you ever have found, or shall be able to find in disregarding Christ, and in disobeying and neglecting his commandments. Come now to Jesus, then. He is waiting to be gracious to you—waiting with outstretched arms to receive you. Come just as you are. Do not delay, expecting that at some future time you will be received on easier or better terms than at present. Every hour you delay you are increasing the difficulties that now keep you from coming to Christ. You are giving time to the enemies of your soul to add to, to strengthen the barriers which separate you from Christ. Every call to Christ that is not complied