

or regeneration. From no other source can this be obtained than through this Word. Here alone is to be found the foundation principles of a lasting character, of a lasting kingdom. Here alone is found the true and real ideal—the splendid life which stands to-day as not only a grand picture, but a splendid force and power to bring into life and to give strength to all those that will accept of His invitation and come to Him for life and light and strength and guidance. The foundation principles of this kingdom are totally opposed to those of the world. Where these principles are introduced, by their expulsive power the world is cast out.

The great sin of the world to-day seems to be cold selfishness ; a want of sympathy, which gradually leads to enmity and creates a great gulf, with money, capital, pride, show, vainglory, on the one side, and poverty, need and want on the other—Dives clothed in his purple and fine linen, leaving Lazarus in his sores to be looked after by his dogs.

The maxims of the world are : Every man for himself ; tit for tat ; an eye for an eye ; a tooth for a tooth ; you struck the first blow—I'll pay you off ; it's a long lane that knows no turn, I'll get you pretty soon at the turn ; be a man of spirit ; I'll have it out with you ; you can get on as I did ; I am the architect of my own fortune, go and do as I did ; if you get into trouble or straitened circumstances, I have been there and got out of it, you go and do likewise ; two can play at that game. These principles in the individual beget in the nation a spirit of retaliation, a spirit of combines, sweating shops, communism, anarchy, a spirit of hitting back, and endeavoring to defraud in questions of boundary, arbitration, fiscal arrangements, and the like—history which the future historian will write without pleasure and of which the future nation must be utterly ashamed.

Retaliation is a spirit from the devil. I hate to hear the word "retaliation." Our blessed Lord and Master did not know anything about that, and when He was giving us His foundation principles that was omitted. Five or six hundred years from now, when they are writing the history of the United States and talking of the charter of the United States, the people will say, "That charter never belonged to that people, for the people with that Declaration of Independence could never have been guilty of slavery and all the acts that