

ment, you have no purgatory at all. In the great parable of Christ, of the rich man and Lazareth, you have after death the rich man condemned to hell immediately; and poor Lazarus raised to the bosom of Abraham. You have Christ dying on the cross, who said to the good thief—"To-day you shall be with me in Paradise;" not after purgation in the prison of purgatory. No,—“To-day you shall be with me in Paradise.” Therefore by the Word of Christ, by the New Testament, you have no purgatory at all.

What is the passage which supports purgatory and prayers for the suffering of souls in purgatory? It is this passage of Judas Maccabeus, in which it is stated, that Judas after the war, sent 2,000 drachms of silver to Jerusalem, to make a funeral service for the souls of his companions who had been killed in battle. This is the great text on which the Roman Catholic priests every day, and especially in these days, found the doctrine of purgatory, and excite the people to give money to assuage the sufferings of the soul in purgatory. But remember the book of Maccabees is an apocryphal book, and therefore proves nothing. It is not a scriptural book, a canonical book of divine inspiration, and therefore proves nothing. (Applause.) Again, Moses gave no notice to the Jewish people in reference to purgatory. No. Did Moses leave any law in order to collect money for the sufferings of the souls of the dead? No; and therefore, if Judas Maccabeus really commanded this collection, and sent it to Jerusalem for this purpose, Judas Maccabeus acted arbitrarily, not according to the Word of God and the Jewish law. Again, David was a great captain, a man of the Holy Ghost; Saul was a great captain; but these never sent money to Jerusalem, in order to have funeral service performed for their companions who had been slain in battle; and if Judas Maccabeus had acted so it was against all practice in Israel. Judas Maccabeus, from whom Rome learned this dogma—never in Israel before his day—of purgatory, if he really believed in purgatory, he received his theory by the contact of the pagans, in the pagan invasion, the Syrian invasion of Judea and Palestine; when we know from the same book of Maccabees, the Greeks and Assyrians established in Jerusalem pagan schools, pagan temples, pagan ceremonies; and therefore by this contact, Judas Maccabeus, for the first time, sanctioned purgatory, in which the souls can be delivered by means of human suffrages, and by the collection of money; and therefore this is false—the fact of sending 2000 drachms of silver to Jerusalem; or if it is a fact,