

wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon." He will perform all its words of judgment. "When they are saying peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, and they shall in no wise escape." What are we doing with this word? What is our attitude toward it? Our responsibilities in these days are very great. Let us seek to realize them.

1. A great responsibility rests upon us in relation to Him whose ministers we profess to be. Again and again He has spoken concerning the Scriptures. There can be no doubt that in so speaking He has committed Himself to what is called the traditional view of revelation. To evade the force of His testimony, men with little consciousness of the limitations of their own knowledge, talk much about the limitations of Christ, and have invented a new theological term, *kenosis*, to try to explain His position; but it is vain thus to manipulate facts and words. Our faith may stand in the wisdom of men who claim to be critical experts, or in Him who is the wisdom and the power of God, it cannot stand in both. We have to make our choice. Listening to the claims of very learned, acute and confident scholars, amazed by their marvellous industry and ingenuity, impressed by their unmistakable earnestness and seeming loftiness of purpose, do we feel ashamed to differ from them? Does it not look like an

acknowledgment of mental narrowness and irrational self-conceit? Why should those who are not experts refuse to accept the conclusions of those who are? Why should we who are no match for these men in the line of their special studies set ourselves against them? We answer: Because it is to us a matter of life and death. Because it is a question of fidelity to the Great Head of the Church from whom we have received our commission. He has spoken one word which is framed exactly to suit such a condition of things as now exists, "Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the son of man be ashamed when He cometh in His own glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels." (Luke 9:26.) It may be hard to bear the shame of being branded with the name of narrow minded, unscholarly bigots and heresy hunters, but what is that to the shame and everlasting contempt in store for all those who are ashamed of His words. The certainty of that awful shame of to-morrow makes us despise this shame of to-day.

2. A great responsibility rests on us in relation to those over whom He has placed us. He has appointed us as undershepherds of that flock which He has redeemed with His own blood and which is very dear to Him. There are great differences among the several members of that flock—the young and old—the strong and feeble—the great and small, but they have all one common characteristic, they believe in Him, they hear His voice. And concerning such, yea the very feeblest, He has