

The Whole Creation Groaneth, being Burdened.

Are any of my readers groaning for full deliverance from sin? I ask your prayerful attention to the following: I groaned for deliverance from inbred sin for just twenty years. But, says one: "Did it take the Lord all that time to set you free from sin?" No; but it took me all that time to believe for full salvation; and I may be asked, how was that? Are some of the Church members of the present day saying, O, I wish I could find Him whom my soul loves. You must just do as the Lord enabled me to do: tell every Christian whom you meet, and especially the Lord himself, that you want to get so near to God that you can live without sin. You cannot get sanctification in a corner, but you must tell that you want it and then when you get it you must talk of it. Every one who has holiness in possession and wants to retain the precious jewel, must let their light shine, for it cannot be cloaked up. Do not, I beseech you, be afraid of your groanings being heard by your fellow-men. Do not let pride, shame, self, or the great adversary hinder you. Again: I may be writing to some who are in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity. To these holiness is but as idle tales, and I would say to those persons who are living without God and without hope in the world, come to Jesus just as you are; fall down before Him and confess your sins, for without confession there is no salvation. The man in the Gospel said to the Lord: "If I have taken aught from any man I restore him fourfold, meaning if he had done his neighbor wrong or taken his character. But how much more does God require repentance when we rob Him of His glory, persecute His servants, hinder God's work, and take away the character of God's children, in order to hurt a work that we did not understand. Now, there are many things that we do not understand, and is it not better for us to let alone what we cannot fully comprehend? The best of people, the world says, make mistakes, but I am of the opinion that the Lord so leads His people that they are not always making mistakes. I tell you why they are not led by the spirit because