

*Fourth.* And so also we learn how the spiritual vision is obscured, and how mists and darkness roll over the soul. (1) That which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath shewed it unto them. But they became vain in their imaginations, their foolish heart was darkened; professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like unto corruptible man. They changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator. And because they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient. Even as in our day they that receive not the truth in the love of it are committed to strong delusion to believe a lie. (2) Hence errorists and false systems, superstitions and false religions abound to the delusion, damnation and destruction of many. In apostate and heathen lands how thick must be the mists that roll over the soul? Oh, for the rising of the Sun of Righteousness!

*Fifth.* The condition were hopeless and the disaster remediless but for the Word, the light, the life, the Scriptures of inspired truth, and the Church of God. (1) The Bible itself is clear in its utterances. Prophecy precept, promise, hopeful and forceful—Go through, go through the gates, prepare ye the way of the people "Lift up a standard for the people," Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Of Christ it is said: "I have put My Spirit upon Him; He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles; He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law." "The Gentiles shall come to Thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." "For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and watereth the earth, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth; it shall not return unto Me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (2) And we have our demonstration in what has been accomplished. Think of 186,000,000 copies in 370 different tongues—the Babel of the ancient day met by the Polyglot of Pentecost. (3) And there is much light upon the prospect in the providential government of the world, and the opening of the gateways of the nations as in China, India, Africa, Japan, looking on to the Kingdom of God. (4) Light streams upon this glorious scene from the improvements in science and art, education and civilization. (5) We have on our side the all-conquering Christ, the omnipotent