

power the world stood principally in need of. Miraculous power cannot save men. Men saw Jesus performing miracles—opening the eyes of the blind, unstopping the ears of the deaf, and raising the dead to life—and still remained in their unbelief. "Send Lazarus to my brethren," said Dives, in torment, to Abraham, "and they will listen to him." But what was the patriarch's reply? "If they believe not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they believe though one rose from the dead." A miracle would not engender faith in their hearts. We read that, after the resurrection of Jesus, "Many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of their graves, and went into the Holy City, and appeared unto many." Imagine a company of ghosts walking to town together and appearing to many! Well, many believed? No; not one. Miracles will not save men. We would rush to perdition through a battalion of ghosts.

3. Neither is it the *power of eloquence*. "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech; or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God." I admit there is tremendous power in words; they breathe, they burn, they move the soul. But there is one thing they cannot do—regenerate the soul. They are not adequate to do that. You all know that there is an invention to electrify dead bodies; by bringing the dead into contact with the electric battery, they can be made to imitate the living; they look, they stare, they move, they gesticulate: there is the semblance of life, but