

power which is infinitely above that of man. Her arms are not so strong as man's, but there is in her a power above the man, and the devil knows it. When the devil wanted to destroy man he could not do it himself, but he knew there was one greater than himself, and he employed this one. It was Eve that deceived the first man. When woman went to work poor Adam could not withstand it, the power was irresistible, and Adam fell. The history of Samuel tells of the power of woman for evil, as does also the history of David. There is an irresistible power in woman to do evil, and if there is in woman the power to do evil do you think God has not given her another power—a greater power to do good. Yes, a greater power than man. When the woman wants to do evil she can do it much better than man, with more determination and with more success; and when woman puts herself into the hands of the Lord, when she becomes a soldier of Christ, she is sure to gain the day, sure to win the battle. Woman in all ages of the world has been chosen to do the greatest thing. (See 1 Kings, 17th chap.)

It is difficult to say which is the most precious story of the Gospel—it seems blasphemous, but I must confess it to you—there is the 4th chapter of John, to which I am wedded. I like to see my Saviour at the well of Samaria. There, behold the Saviour is wearied and can travel no longer; He is covered with dirt and dust and cannot go any farther. He sits down, but it is not because he is weary that he stops there; but it is to give us a lesson. He comes to show you that he is the sinner's friend. He knew that in that city of Samaria there was a poor, lost, degraded woman; she is so degraded that she cannot find a friend to come to the well, she is forced to come alone. Jesus Christ selects this woman to give you a most miraculous fact of his power in his ministerial life. He reveals himself to this degraded woman, uncovers her sin to her, shows her all her guilt, and then he binds up the wounds and forgives her all her sins. She accepted the precious gift and was saved. Now a gift is a thing which is given to me which I don't deserve. Jesus Christ is the gift of God, and the moment she accepted that gift she was transformed by the mercy of God. And whoever will not accept Christ as a gift cannot be saved. As long as you think you can do something you cannot be saved. As soon as the woman accepted the gift she could not contain herself. She went back to her countrymen with such a power of eloquence that nobody could resist her. She cries, Come and see a man that knows all things: Come, see a man that told me everything, and forgave me my sins. Many said to her, go away with you, we have no business with you, are you not an infamous woman. But she is not to be turned away. The degraded woman of yesterday is to-day a missionary of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let every one of you consider yourselves bound to help those who are preaching the Gospel. I do not mean that you shall become public speakers.

In the days of the apostles women were constantly with them, to cheer and to strengthen their hands. The time is coming back when