

bring forth out of his treasure things new and old. He should, also, himself be impressed with the value and importance of the message he has to deliver, or else he will fail to make any impression upon the hearts of his people.

When we consider that the minister is the ambassador of Christ, sent to proclaim the message of salvation, and to entreat his fellow sinners to turn from their evil ways, and be reconciled to God, through Christ, we shall at once perceive on what a lofty eminence he stands, and what a deeply responsible position he occupies. So that the aid of the Holy Spirit should be constantly and earnestly invoked in all his ministrations, remembering what a fearful thing it is to rush thoughtlessly, or without due preparation into the presence of God, to speak in His Name.

The *edification* of our people should ever be in our minds, as often as we stand up in the Church of God to address our hearers. A part, and a most important part, of our commission is, to *teach* the people committed to our charge in the things which concern their eternal salvation. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," is the Saviour's solemn injunction to His Apostles just before He left the world. This is absolutely necessary, in order that our people may be well grounded in the truths of Religion, and built up in their most holy faith. This, it is to be feared, is too often lost sight of, and instead of the plain and essential doctrines o