

We close the Gospels and open the Acts of the Apostles, and again find ourselves in the midst of movement. We cannot see or touch the Lord, but He is as literally present as in the days of His flesh. He is there as a spiritual presence, providing for difficulties and perplexities, building up the temple of God, succouring, comforting, moulding, shaping, directing, leading His people to new triumphs, experiences and participations of the divine life. There is surely movement here. The natural and physical has made way for the spiritual and eternal. "That is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; afterward that which is spiritual." "The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven."

When we turn from the Acts of the Apostles to the Epistles, the movement is still more apparent. There were many things which our Lord desired to communicate during the days of His flesh, but His apostles could not bear them, though they were of the highest moment. But He promised the Spirit of Truth to guide them unto all the truth. That word was carefully chosen to indicate the successive steps by which they were to be led forward and shewn plainly the truth as it is in Jesus. The earlier teaching had anticipated the coming of a day in which many things would be unfolded to them for communication to the world, and that happy day had now arrived. At first they were taught as those who were *with*