

Pharisees, He denounced them to the multitude with such fearful effect that their principles, practises, and name were buried in eternal contempt. And like vigorous measures must be taken now.

Men often say, preach the Gospel only and the truth will triumph over all wickedness. This is urged by moderates who think that conflict with iniquity is below the church's dignity, and by extreme evangelicals who object to the use of any earthly means in God's service. Now our generation is not likely to be blessed with more powerful preaching than that of Christ, yet His preaching to the Jews failed to turn them from their sins. And there are men now engaged in destroying souls who are as hardened in their wickedness as any in Christ's time, and when our advocacy of the truth does not change their conduct, we must resort, as He did, to sterner measures. This is our great apology for using all legitimate means against the liquor traffic, against Sabbath desecration, against political corruption and other giant crimes, and nothing short of a faithful use against them of all the powers at our command will justify us in the sight of God.

Christ's final way of opposing unrighteousness was *by suffering*. When the wrong-doer persists in sin, and then sees his chances of gain spoiled, he turns to destroy his enemy. And in so doing he deals his own cause its deathblow. Christ's arraignments of the transgressions of His generation led them to plot against His life, but by His death was sin's dominion broken forever. He taught this when He said: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." Continuing, He gives special emphasis to the thought. It is, therefore, because their persecution is a result of their conflict with iniquity that such blessedness is theirs, as the comparison with the prophets further shews. They may suffer but their cause will prosper through their suffering more than by their grandest triumphs.

This principle must be carried into effect in every sphere of human activity by those who move in it. The pulpit alone cannot reform the world. People often point to what the pulpit did for the nation in the days of the Reformation and