

THESE LIGHT AFFLICTIONS.

Three times was he shipwrecked ; a day and a night in the deep. Look at that mighty Apostle, a whole day and a night in the deep. There he was—shipwrecked, and for what ? Was it to make money ? He was not after money. He was just going from city to city, and town to town, to preach the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, and to lift up the cross wherever he had an opportunity. He went down to Corinth and preached eighteen months, and he didn't have a lot of the leading ministers of Corinth to come on the platform and sit by his side when he preached. There was not a man that stood by him. When he got down to Corinth he didn't have some of the leading business men to stand by him and advise him ; but the little tent-maker arrives in Corinth a perfect stranger, and the first thing he does is to find a place where he can make a tent ; he does not go to a hotel ; his means will not allow it ; but he goes where he can make his bread by the sweat of his brow. Think of that great Apostle making a tent, and then getting on the corner of a street and preaching, and perhaps once in a while he would get into a synagogue, but the Jews would turn him out ; they didn't want to hear him preach anything about Jesus the crucified. The Jews didn't like that, and they turned him out, and after toiling eighteen months in that city, they took him outside of the city, and gave him thirty-nine stripes, and paid him off. That was all the pay he got, and they sent him on to the next town.