

THE GREAT "OUGHT"

ON one occasion our Lord was surrounded by a gathering of the common people, among whom were the disciples, and also scribes and Pharisees. Upon these last He looked with anger, because of their hypocrisy. His zeal for the Kingdom of God stirred Him to the following rebuke: "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, judgment, and mercy, and faith: but these ye OUGHT to have done, and not to have left the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain out the gnat, and swallow the camel." Here he exposes their sin; but the woe was not because they tithed the small herbs of the garden, but because they had neglected judgment, and mercy, and faith. An exact equivalent in meaning for, "and not to have left the other undone," is, "ye OUGHT to have done the other." Now, "the other" is the tithing of mint and anise and cummin. So then we find our Lord here saying, in effect, "ye OUGHT to tithe mint and anise and cummin." He