

knowledge and power the world can give. That heart that has been obedient to these heavenly visitations is founded in a faith that cannot be baffled by trials and difficulties in life; but after each trial overcome and duty performed there will be heard these assuring words, "Well done" even as we pass along, and all will be summed up at the close of life with an eternal "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou in."

He loves us, and wants us to love him and manifest our love for him by keeping his words, and thus doing He and the Father, "We will come unto him and make our abode with him"; "I and the Father are one." This does not have reference to the outward Jesus, but the spiritual Son of God, as the declaration of Paul more clearly shows: "Prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is *in* you, except ye be reprobrates?" Jesus Christ reached out, not alone through the example of his manhood for the good of the world, but through that Christ power that dwelt within him, and dwells in all—in John or James or Joseph as well as in Jesus. And this connection and combination, sustained with the human, made Jesus Christ. While the same Christ power may rule and reign in John, James or Joseph, qualifying them to do likewise the divine will of God, and doing this will is the daily bread that sustains the soul life of each day; it is the meat to eat that others know not of. Hence we become living examples of practical righteousness before the world at large, and it is designed that men should do no less than this. He imposes no task but what he gives us power and qualifies us to fulfill. He is too wise to err and too good to be unkind. He will not err as to your ability to fulfill every task he has imposed.

I do not think Christ brought sin into the world, but he says: "If I had not come ye would not have sinned, but now ye have no cloak for your

sins." There is no excuse now, no creeping out on the grounds of ignorance. We are told through impressions by our Heavenly Father that such a course is right for us, and there is no excuse. Parents may do much in directing us, the Bible and the pulpit may be great instruments in enlightening our path, but the work must be done in the soul. Life at longest is but short, and putting off until to-morrow is unwise in spiritual things as well as in temporal. The duties will accumulate, and our power to perform them will weaken. Therefore it should be our chief regard to do every day the duties that belong to it. That when we lie down at night our faith may be resting, as it were, on the bosom of our Saviour—not afraid to approach him, as perfect love casteth out fear. I am thankful that there is one thing left upon record concerning Jesus: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you, and without a cause." This may often console us in following out the course of life our Heavenly Father marks out for us, and if faithful our reward will be an over-coming—a disregard for the prejudice, the criticism, the finger of scorn and the ridicule—this is overcoming the world, and in this we will be following the footsteps of Him who is the holy pattern for the whole human family. So far as we allow this spirit to rule and govern our actions and our struggles we will be approved in His divine sight. How reasonable and rational it is and how most beautiful that a Supreme Deity overwatches poor finite man, and in his loving kindness is willing to direct his course? No one surely can say God is a hard master.

Our Heavenly Father has not changed any in his dealings with men from that day to this. A great many of us believe that if we had lived when Jesus Christ was here upon earth we would have been his obedient followers, suffering everything for his cause; yet we are as far from carrying out that prin-