

which none are his. To be a christian, then, is to be like and walk like our blessed Lord. The benevolence of Christ embraced a lost and perishing world. The christian cannot do less, and have that piety, that love, that benevolence which characterized a Carey, a Judson, the Apostle of Modern Missions, and thousands of others who have long since entered upon the state of the Glorified Spirit.

It is not enough to have the feelings of piety—to talk piety—there must be a *doing* piety. A practical godliness, a godliness that feels for others, that prays and gives, that conforms to the will of God, that acts in unison with the church and the kingdom of Christ, that seeks the advancement of truth, the spread of the gospel, through which God has brought life, and immortality to light.

Brethren we need a piety in our churches that will give up all for Christ—that will influence our daily life, that will feel as much pleasure in giving a dollar to the cause of Jesus, as we ever did in earning it; a piety that will sacrifice for Him who laid down his life for us, when His cause demands it, that will lead us to lay ourselves with all our acquisitions upon the altar of consecration.

There is a religion in this world that sings "Glory to God in the highest," in the time of religious excitement in the house of God, but forgets it on the door-step. If there is anything that his Satanic Majesty likes, it is this spasmodic religion which ebbs and flows with circumstances, "unstable as water," destitute of principle. There is no growth, no development in this religion, therefore it is false. "Not all they who say Lord, Lord," who make considerable out cry by times against sin, but who never depart from it.

The religion of Christ in the heart is like a well of living water, springing up and spreading out into beautiful christian life and activity. This religion embraces principles that interweave themselves with the very texture of the regenerated mind, and manifest themselves in the steady onward progress and pious action of the believer. It is progressive. Hence the christian is said to be like a "tree planted in the house of the Lord that bringeth forth fruit in his season." It does appear to me that true religion never contradicts itself—never reproaches its author. There may be temptations to assail the child of God, difficulties of various kinds to contend against; but faith is the victory that overcomes. The child of God may be the object of calumny and persecution, like his Blessed Lord, but the spirit of which he is possessed leads him to walk even as Christ walked in the midst of it all.