

more in earnest in my life than when I say that such subjects as the relations of the sexes should be carefully but firmly dealt with from our pulpits. Thousands and thousands of young lives are being blasted and ruined to-day by the thoughtless selfishness of young men. In speaking this way I have no reference to what may be generally termed immorality, but simply to one young person deceiving another. Now I have not the slightest objection to young gentlemen being in company with young ladies nor to a young man paying his special addresses to a young woman, and undoubtedly Solomon knew what he was speaking about when he said "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing and obtaineth favor of the Lord." But I do object to, as a heinous sin, a young man deceiving a young woman. Often you will see a young man spend all his spare time in the company of some particular young woman for perhaps years, leading her to believe both by speech and action, that he intended to make her his wife, then after having monopolized her time, after perhaps having won her affections, he coolly walks off and marries another. There are dozens of young women to-day, you know them, and I know them, whose

lives have been wrecked and spoiled by just such conduct and who are fading into premature graves.

Young men, although the laws of our land may not take a hold of you for such an act, although society may pass over and soon forget such episodes, still in the eyes of God, who sees all these things, undoubtedly such an act will be looked upon as a sin of the deepest dye. Let then your dealings with young women be straightforward, manly and honest; never deceive either by look, word or action and then you can look for and expect the blessing of God to rest upon you in all the relationships of life. If a young man is pure in thought, chaste in speech, and upright, and honest in his life then of him it can be said from a moralist's point of view, "the young man is safe."

III. In the third place let us ask the question, "is the young man safe"? *spiritually*.

Young man, you may be safe as far as this world's goods are concerned. You may have achieved great success as a man of the world. You may be what is termed by the world a good young man, and from the moralist's standpoint you may be pronounced safe. But if you are not a Christian you are undone. If