

of God, but those that be of men;" in substance: "Get out of my way, opponent, for you stand in it; you are thinking of an earthly kingdom; and not of a heavenly, Spiritual reign, such as I have come to establish on earth."

His kingdom was emphatically "the kingdom of heaven" and not of earth—"the kingdom of God," and not of men; and in harmony with all this, we hear him saying still further to his disciples, on that occasion; "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross [daily,] and follow me;" or, in other words: "If any man will be my disciple, let him renounce himself; submit daily to whatever may be a cross to him for my sake and be my follower "through evil report as well as good report."—Hence he admonishes and charges his disciples, not to spend their lives in accumulating earthly treasures, that must perish; but to spend their lives in laying up the imperishable and enduring treasures of heaven. We awfully fear, too many of our brethren are engaged in laying up treasures upon earth! We see them constantly engaged in the accumulation of property and money—adding tens and hundreds of acres to their already large tracts of land, embracing perhaps thousands of acres!—with tens and hundreds in cultivation, and adding tens and hundreds more to these!—with their whole souls absorbed in attending to their business, and in accumulating still more!

Now I am fearful that these "rich" brethren are not aware of the temptations and dangers by which they are surrounded, and the tremendous, the aw-

ful responsibilities they are incurring, by the accumulation of wealth!—or they would not be so eager in its pursuit, and permit their minds to be so completely absorbed in its accumulation, to the too great exclusion of the things of heaven! If they are not careful, they will have too *large* a load on them, ever to get into heaven!—Jesus says: "*Strait* (not "straight" but difficult of entrance) is the gate, and *narrow* is the way which leadeth unto life, and *few* there be that find it;" and on one occasion, when a wealthy young man refused to follow him, because he told him, that he must sell what he had, and give to the poor, if he would follow him, notwithstanding he promised him treasure in heaven for doing so; we hear him saying to his disciples: "Verily I say unto you, That a *rich* man shall *hardly* enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God"—that is, one who loves his riches better than he does God, trusts in them and does not make the use of them required by the Lord.

Two of our preachers, many years ago, an old brother and his nephew—J. C. senr. and J. C. junr.—were riding, along together one day, in Kentucky, when they passed the large farm and splendid dwelling of a very wealthy man. "Uncle," said the nephew, in a jocular manner, "How would you like to be the owner of this farm?" "Ah! cousin," replied the uncle, I am afraid if I did, I would have too large a bulk of it ever to get into