

despitefully use him, he is a sanctified man, and I defy any other man to do it. This is the highest test of sanctification.

Then again the first great commandment was never abrogated, and never will be. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with ALL THY MIND, and soul, and strength." And the second is like unto it, "Thy neighbour as thyself"—the Scribe, in answer to whos' question this was spoken was better instructed than many modern Christians, for he replied, "Well, Master, Thou hast SAID THE TRUTH." And Jesus answered, "Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God." Jesus saw that the man was sincere, and ready to receive the whole truth without quibbling.

The first and greatest commandment remains in force to-day as much as it ever was, and must continue in force throughout eternity. It must ever remain the duty of the creature to love the Creator with all his heart, and the duty of the creature to love his fellow as himself. Must it not? But let anyone try to do that without having his heart full of the love of God, as some of you have been trying. You say, "Yes, that is just where I fail; I know I don't love God with all my heart, and I don't love my neighbour as myself."

As a dear lady once said, "When I come to prove my heart I find I don't love my own brothers and sisters as myself, much less my neighbour." I said, "No you will find you need to be sanctified before you can do this." This is the law that Paul says "Jesus Christ came to give me power to fulfil, the great moral law of love."

And again, "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Holiness, in this place, means sanctification of the whole nature—a renewal of the very essence and spirit of the soul. Search out these and kindred passages if you want to know the will of God, for they are far too numerous to quote.

Then, there can be no controversy that these texts require holiness in us, and not merely right-doing by us, though that is included but these passages refer to the renewal of our hearts, I challenge any believer to tell me that he is thoroughly satisfied and happy without the realisation, and confident knowledge of the fact that he does thus love God and his neighbour. No sooner does a believer begin to pour out his soul in prayer than he cries, "Bring me into conformity with Thy will. Give me all the mind that was in Christ, destroy these roots of bitterness, save me from this anger, pride, envy, jealousy, love of the world, or whatever may be his besetting sin." The urgings of the Spirit in him tally with the commands to him; the two go together, which is a blessed and wonderful proof that the Spirit teaches all believers that God requires of them to be holy.

Now, as God never requires anything which He does not give us power to perform, He has included this experience in the provisions of His grace.

I argue the attainability of holiness, secondly from the provisions of the Gospel.

*Christ has undertaken this work. What has He undertaken?*