

show our love to Him by obeying His commandments and His words. (John xiv. 21-23.) And if there is reproach to be expected on obedience, let us not forget that it is "*His reproach.*" And His love and His power are with us and for us to carry us through; yes, and even to enable us to rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer for His sake.

As we are to "go forth *unto Him* without the camp," where, outside the camp, shall we find Him? and in what special way is He to be found there?

Christian brother or sister, there is a special place outside the camp where the Lord vouchsafes to be, and to manifest Himself in a very special and peculiar manner to faith, and it is, "Where two or three are gathered together *unto* [not in] my name, *there am I* in the midst of them." (Matt. xviii. 20.) The place then is where the two or three, or twenty or thirty, or two or three hundred, are gathered together *unto His name*; which implies separation from all that is contrary to that name. And the special way in which He vouchsafes to manifest Himself there *to faith*, is not to be described in words. It is to be *felt* and *enjoyed* by those who believe and obey His words—His actual, but not of course bodily, presence in the midst. Oh that all His dear people believed it!

It should be understood that to meet together thus does not do away with *divinely-appointed* ministry in the Church of God. There is a ministry; there are gifts given unto men; there are *evange-*