

from me, ye that work iniquity." And this is not all. He denounced them as blind leaders of the blind, destined along with their followers to fall into the ditch. Such teachers have frequently multitudes of followers, and, like Simon of Samaria, give themselves out as some great ones. But you may as well try to gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles as look for any real good as the fruit of their labours.

The position taken by St. Paul on this subject was in perfect harmony with that of our blessed Redeemer. The high claim which he advanced was that the gospel which he proclaimed was not after man, for he neither received it from man nor was he taught it, but it came to him through the revelation of Jesus Christ. Hence in his letter to the Galatians, speaking by the Holy Spirit, he hesitates not twice to pronounce anathema upon man or angel who should preach any other gospel than that which he delivered to them; and Luke, the historian of the apostles, bears witness to the amazing and glorious work he accomplished through this Christ-given gospel.

Gentlemen, do not hesitate a moment over this matter. It is no use looking for real success by giving the people sensational drivel, profound philosophy, secular science, apologetic controversy, aesthetic culture, or anything else as a substitute for the gospel. It, and it alone, is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." I have lived long enough to have seen spiritual desolation and ruin wrought in more than one instance by the wicked folly of men preaching another gospel which is not another.

In addition to being clear, definite and scriptural in your message, take heed to the spirit and the manner in which you deliver it. The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle, patient, sympathetic, loving. You cannot scold and drive and dragoon men into the kingdom of God, or build them up in faith and holiness by such methods. Jesus said, "I will draw all men unto me;" and one of his most distinguished followers said, "The love of Christ constraineth us." That love, that gentleness, that kindness and transparent candour