

known the truth of the Gospel by your life and conversation, in bold opposition to that vast, that fearful multitude, who are "walking in the vanity of their minds, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart": Eph. 4. Think of the terrible end the multitude must inevitably cometo! unless they be "born again." You see the shameless vanity and folly—the want of female modesty and propriety which meet you in all directions. You see and hear of their precious time being spent in idleness, foolish talking, and carnal amusements; "They have sown the wind, they shall reap the whirlwind": Hos. 8. You know the source of all this—the word of God tells you "that in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive. For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest at any time they should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them": Mat. 13. Be not discouraged—be not weary in this well doing—for, although you are to them as a parable now, still "nothing is impossible with God," and the Lord, whose example you are to follow, knows you in a better and more encouraging way; for you can read in His word—"Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear": Mat. 13.

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