

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AND THE HIGHEST USE OF WEALTH.

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The incarnation of the living God as the Redeemer of man has made it forever necessary that the man who would know God must see something of God in his fellow-men. In all ages the men whose hearts God has touched, whose eyes God has opened that they may see Him and make others see Him, have been men mightily moved in soul and heart toward their fellow-men. The nearer we come to God's view of human life, the purer and deeper and mightier will be our love of human souls and our pity for wasted, sinful, and benighted human lives.

LOVE OF GOD AND WORK FOR MEN.

There is a Divine revelation of the very heart of God Himself in the description Christ gives us of the scenes of division at the judgment. Our Master takes as His own not those who selfishly cry, "Lord, Lord!" and boast familiarity with God's power and achievements of their own in casting out devils; but the men who have shown "the mind which was in Christ Jesus," and under the constraining power of Christ's love have served Him by serving "in His name" their fellow-men for whom He died. It is by the faith that is in Christ Jesus that we stand; but the absolutely vital, the indissoluble connection of faith with love and with works of love and helpfulness and mercy, is made startlingly clear in this revelation by Christ of the things which shall be made manifest at that day. It is only by living out a vital principle of life to its issues that we can come to know it thoroughly. True Christians are men and women who are bent upon reducing right theories of life to right living. Life-power and moral truth are the mightiest forces in the universe. In Christian character these two forces are combined. God is life and truth; godlikeness worked out in life is character; into sound character has entered the "omnipotence of a principle," and the almightiness of God Himself is pledged to make character, which is vitalized truth, the mightiest power within the control of man. And since God is love, and God in Christ is the supreme revelation of that holy and infinitely attractive love which spared not His own Son that He might be just and yet might love us out of our sins into lives of holiness, Christians can never learn large lessons of God's love in Christ without sharing in Christ's love for their fellow-men.

THE TEST—OUR FEELING TOWARD MULTITUDES OF UNSHEPHERDED MEN.

Always, then, for the individual Christian, and for any body of Christians who are acting together, there is a supreme test in the question, How