

the people must remain long in a state much like the wild desert around them, producing nothing but that which springs naturally from a benighted mind and a corrupted heart. The present is a favourable time to step in to their relief; for, when the springs of their temporal enjoyments are fallen low, they will the more easily be persuaded to draw from those fountains of heavenly bliss which never run dry.

I suppose the most of my readers will assent to the propriety of what has been recommended above. But the question will occur, where shall the ministers and the money be got to carry all these plans into execution. There is only one thing requisite, and we shall then have plenty of ministers, saying, "Here am I; send me." And the requisite wanted is, a willingness to endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Let the same spirit which animated the apostles be diffused through all the ministers of the Gospel, established and dissenting, and there will be no lack on this head. It will no doubt be objected by such as have got charges, for I am addressing such, that they cannot leave them, or they will be pulling down one house while attempting to build another. To this I would answer, Have you been honoured of God to erect a holy temple for him which is become an habitation of God through the Spirit? Then I would say, You need not be so alarmed at leaving your churches twelve or fifteen months to go upon such an errand. If they get less preaching, they may give themselves more to reading the word of God and prayer, and they will have more errands to a throne of grace than ever, and the more the better. For the more we feel and pray for the good of others, we are the more likely to receive abundantly the blessings we need ourselves. But as I must suppose this objection principally to come out of the mouths of dissenters,

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