

guage is used, and the men who use it, as you would the fire. Having such filth poured forth in my hearing was one of the worst curses that ever befel me. Shun as you would poison the withering, blighting, contaminating, damning curse of the man of impure speech. Be so pure in your speech that it will always be the same in all places and upon all occasions. Always remember that on the great day of judgment before an assembled world you shall give an account to God for every idle word.

But let us pass on to another phase of morality, viz., purity of action. The other two points with which we have been dealing, viz., purity of thought and word, are very little touched upon by our pulpits of to-day, but most of the thunderbolts of the pulpit are levelled against impurity of action. And these are especially scathing and denunciatory when the party concerned is some person very vague, and uncertain, such as the boddler, the gambler, the drunkard, etc., etc. But to-night instead of spending my ammunition in denouncing some of these most popular forms of sin, I will endeavor to touch one or two of the more subtle forms of temptations to which young men are peculiarly subjected.

Of course the young man who

is a drunkard is not safe. Nor is the young man who drinks any at all. Young man, if you take one glass you are in danger. If you are a moderate drinker you are standing upon the very edge of an awful precipice and at any moment its edges may crumble in. If you want to be safe in action avoid such places altogether. Shun a saloon as you would a quicksand. And there are even worse places in this city than saloons. There are dens of iniquity, which are characterized by Solomon as being "the house of the strange women which is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death." And the young man who enters one goes into the very mouth of hell. Young man, as you value your happiness either in this world or the next avoid such places as you would the bottomless pit. Turn away from every place of temptation and pass them by.

Now there times in every young man's life in which he is in peculiar danger of sinning it may be thoughtlessly and unconsciously, but still not the less deeply, against young people of the other sex. You perhaps feel like telling me to beware, that I am treading upon delicate ground. I am well aware of that fact, but at the same time, was never