

the small sermons, that empty our churches ; it is not the great, but the small sermons, that allow men to sink deeper and deeper in worldliness and sin." Have as many human excellences as you can ; after all, they will not change the heart of man. All the powers I have enumerated had been tried before Jesus Christ came to the world, and found wanting. Demosthenes, the prince of orators, had lived and died, and the world was unredeemed. Plato, the prince of thinkers, had lived and died, and the world was unredeemed. Aristotle, the prince of logicians, had lived and died, and the world was unredeemed. Homer, the prince of poets, had lived and died, and the world was unredeemed. If man is to be saved, a new power must come to the field.

II. We now move on to consider the subject on its POSITIVE SIDE.

I. What, then, is the power which Christ promises to His disciples? In the Gospel it is called "*power from on high*," a power which has its source in worlds above us. The great want of the world was a power to uplift it out of its state of degradation and sin—a power to upraise it. There was power from beneath working in this world, dragging it down to the abode of woe. The history of the world previous to the day of Pentecost shows that it was sinking lower and lower in the scale of morals. But history shows that since that time humanity has been gradually ascending and progressing. What brought about the change? What