

“ A faith that shines more bright and clear  
When tempests rage without ;  
That when in danger knows no fear,  
In darkness feels no doubt :

“ A faith that keeps the narrow way  
Till life's last hour is fled,  
And with a pure and heavenly ray  
Illumes a dying bed.”

A man's faith decides the object of his supreme veneration and worship, and it effects a connection between his moral nature and the object upon which his faith is placed, and if that object is inferior to himself, then faith in it must be debasing. If, like the heathen, his faith is in an animal god, it will debase him to the level of the animal. If his faith is in mammon, the best it can do for him is to feed his lusts and carry him down into a wretched and eternal captivity. If his faith is in himself, he is like a man trying to lift himself by the straps of his boots. The effect of all false faith is but to debase.

The highest and only proper object of religious faith is God, who created all things by Jesus Christ, and for whose service and glory all things were created. This God of creation is in “Christ reconciling the world to himself.” And He is the only proper object of supreme veneration and worship. His faith in this Divine Lord and Saviour that effects a connection between