

in the real conversion of men, in their real regeneration, it will be gold, silver, and precious stones, and will stand the test of fire. If you have been unfaithful in your testimony, your work is of wood, hay, stubble ; it shall be burned. If you are on the foundation, you shall be saved, yet so as by fire. Have you ever seen the people rushing out of a burning building, when startled by the peal of the fire bell, and they dash from the door, saved, but scorched by the heat ? Would you be saved that way ? If you are faithful, there shall be abundant entrance into the joys of your Lord. You do not want to come in like some poor demasted, half-wrecked ship, but come in with full spread sails, and a great crowd on the shore to greet you. Do not come home like a cowardly soldier that skulked out of the battle and slipped back lest his neighbours should see him, but with head erect like a triumphant conqueror to receive the reward of your Lord.

2 John 7, 8, "Many deceivers are entered into the world?" Are they? Yes. How do I know this? "Who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the Antichrist." They do not confess that Jesus has come. If anybody declares that Jesus Christ has not come in the flesh, he is a deceiver and antichrist. "Look to yourselves that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

My final message is this : As Dr. West showed us a little while ago, the Bible closes with the thrice solemnly repeated promise, "Behold, I come quickly." "Behold, I come quickly, surely I come quickly." You ask me why I believe it? Because Christ says so. First He says, "Behold, I come quickly : blessed is he that keepeth these sayings of the prophecy of this book." And when He says it the second time, He says, "My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his works shall be." In the last He gives the single thought, "Surely I come quickly," and that makes John's heart leap. "Even so come Lord Jesus." O, my brethren, look for that coming. Live in the power of it ; I've in the practical realization of the truth that before we are permitted to meet here another year, the blessed Lord Himself may come, and the toil will be over, and the persecutions will be over, and the sin will be over, and the dying will be over ; and no more shall the grave receive our darlings, and no more shall our heart-strings be torn by the ravages of death ; but we will be with Him and like Him, and the witnesses of His redeeming grace, while eternal ages roll.