

satisfied. 'They do not seek our help and are now as religious as we are. Leave them alone.' To the true Christian reasoning like this will have no weight. Whatever others may think the follower of Christ knows there is only one way to the Father, that there is only one name whereby men can be saved. But, to the great number who think we should leave the heathen alone we may reply. Why did not God leave the children of Israel alone when they made the molten calf and worshipped it, saying, "These be thy gods O Israel which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." Surely those people were religious, they were deeply in earnest, having stripped themselves of their jewels that they might make this object to worship. Yet God was displeased with them; "Let me alone that my wrath may wax hot against them and that I may consume them." Why was Isaiah sent on a difficult mission to the men of Judah? Assuredly not because the men of Judah were irreligious. They were religious to the last degree. Hear the message of God to them.

"To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord; I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or lambs or of he-goats. When ye come to appear before me who hath required this at your hands to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations."

The Pharisees and Scribes in the days of Christ excelled their forefathers in their devotion to religion, yet it was to these John the Baptist was sent with the message, "Repent ye for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." It was to one of their best teachers Christ said, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." To them he addressed the awful words. "It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for you."

There is only one way to God, one medium of communication between heaven and earth, between God and man, and the church must not be checked by such objections. Rather will she increase her earnestness in proclaiming repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to all people as the only pathway to the mansions of glory. The warfare of Christianity is not accomplished nor will she disband her forces nor cease to marshal fresh recruits until the world shall hear the story of redeeming love, and bow, to Him who is Lord of all.