

notions regarding the Lord Jesus, and superstitious reverence for the Bible have all got to go to the wall. And in this matter man's thoughts are not God's thoughts, and God's ways are past finding out.

Another conflict upon us is with denominationalism. Unless there is absolute willingness on the part of the one who accepts of the Holy Ghost to allow all old ideas regarding denominationalism to be ridled and sifted, unless he is able to say, "Search me and try me, O God," it cannot be said of such an one that the Holy Ghost has right of way, that He has permanent occupancy of the temple, instead of the position of a transient tenant.

When the Lord Jesus Christ taught, "If any man cometh unto Me, and hateth not his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple," says the modern religionist, He did not mean that a man was to hate the Bible, or "our church." He would acquit himself if he got the length of hating his father, mother, etc. Oh, we must love our Bibles, say such; yes, and trample under foot the Guide and Interpreter thereof. "Christ is all in all to me" the modern religionist will sing. Yes, and it might be added, the Holy Ghost is nothing.

Oh, there are mighty hosts arising who will prove themselves veritable giants in their defence of the Bible, who will do mighty service for King Jesus, but will sneer and scoff at the Holy Ghost when His guidance is exemplified in the acts of His peculiar people. And when it comes to "our Church;" what would "our Church" be without the Holy Ghost? He has been with it in the past, He is with it now, and with a "Diana of Ephesians" cry, they will say Great is "our Church." Such persons will reason it was all well enough for the Lord Jesus to teach His disciples, when on the earth, that they must not allow their affections to be placed upon father, mother, wife, children, etc., to His exclusion, but is there any danger of the Bible occupying the place in our affections that should be occupied by the

Holy Ghost? None whatever. He never meant that we should hate "our Church." Don't our ministers teach us we should love the Church. And as for there being any danger in this generation that men should bestow affections upon the absent Lord Jesus that should be lavished upon the present Holy Ghost, such a thought never crossed the Divine mind. It is impossible, don't you know. You cannot ever think of Jesus without thinking of the Holy Ghost. There is a "unity" in the Trinity." And thus will they seek to justify themselves in defiance of the fact that man without an indwelling God is just as prone now to set up "golden calves" as the ancient Israelites in Moses' time, just as prone to have other "gods beside Me" now as then.

It was a wonderful thing for Christ to secure one hundred and twenty who were willing to tarry at Pentecost, it is nothing for the modern preacher or evangelist to secure his thousands. And here let me say that the conflicts will not be against the past, but against the uses the devil will put the past to, he will in every conceivable way endeavor to delude men's minds, and cause them to imagine that the Bible, "the faith" our fathers died in, "the Church" of our choice, "our allegiance" to the Lord Jesus will all be in danger on the inauguration of the "new era," when the Holy Ghost is king; that rebellion against the Bible, the Faith, the Church, aye, and even Jesus Himself, is a necessary concomitant to the ushering in of the effulgency of Pentecost. Yes, the conflicts with all the attendant dangers are upon us, but the only real danger is that men will come short of Holy Ghost requirements. He is "abundantly able" to take the very best of care of your relationship to the Bible, to prayer, to the Church, and the Lord Jesus.

And just as the Lord Jesus prayed for the religionists of His day, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do," so may in this day the same petition be put up for the resisters and rejecters of the Holy Ghost. The ancient Jews rejected the Lord Jesus, and that with the Bible in their hands. The modern Jew rejects the Holy Ghost, having the