

the crew. If the Gospel was to effect the eternal salvation of all mankind, then failing to accomplish that work is a failure of the Gospel. If the Gospel was to convert the world, it will prove a failure if that is not done. But if the Gospel was preached 'to take *out of* the Gentiles a people for His name,' then it is not a failure. If it was given that God might in infinite mercy and love 'save *some*,' then it is not a failure. If it was given that every repentant sinner might have eternal life, and that every good soldier might receive a crown of glory, then it is not a failure. If it was given that an innumerable company might be redeemed '*out of* every kindred, and tongue, and nation, and people,' then it is not a failure. If it was given that the vales and hills of paradise restored might teem with a holy throng who shall be 'equal to the angels, the children of God, being the children of the resurrection,' then it is not a failure. If it was given that the elect might be brought into one great family of holy ones, then it is not a failure."

Many other quotations might be given, all showing the lamentable decline of vital piety. The very sins which characterized the time of Noah, are rapidly developing at the present time. Truly there is abundant and growing need for every Christian to cry fervently, "O Lord, revive thy work; in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy."

Meanwhile God's judgment lingereth not,
His promise He hath not forgot;
His words stand firm, and shall abide
Beyond earth's madness, rage and pride.
The cry of "peace" we heard so long,
Seems like an old forgotten song.