

mathematician; of Edwards, the philosopher; of Newton, the astronomer; of Milton, the poet; and stronger, nobler minds this age has not produced. Such, too, was the prevailing intention of the four flaming spirits who have enriched mankind more than all others together; of Paul, that throbbing centre of intellectual, emotional, and spiritual activity; of John, deep delver in rich mines of mystery; of David, mouthpiece of the spiritual aspirations of man; of Moses, first of historians and first of statesmen, fertile in dower as Nile-fed Egypt, in influence lasting as rock-ribbed Sinai. Holiness is the aspiration of all healthful natures. The virus of sin is working in our race. How fast evil may rise to a head is seen in the nine recorded generations before the flood. The contagion passed from life to life till every imagination of man's heart was only evil continually, and the poisoned race were by God's swift besom swept away. From such a state we are kept in every age only by the saving salt of moral aspiration. We need deliverance from the power of evil. O friends, covet earnestly this gift. Seek it, seek it, till your very heart and flesh cry out for the holiness of the living God. O that my soul thirsted for purity of heart, that I might see God!

And this need God hath met by the gift of His Holy Spirit. It is His to renew the whole nature of man in the likeness of Him that created us. "Know ye not that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost?"

"And every virtue we possess,
And every victory won,
And every thought of holiness,
Are his alone."

Grieve Him not, and God will supply this your need.

We need re-instatement in the Father's house. The Prodigal scarce dares aspire for this. "Father, I am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants." But it is not only one of the deep aspirations of humanity, it is the Father's will for us. He bestows the ring and robe and kiss of welcome. "Behold, what manner of love the Father