

*care.* "I don't care for consequences. I don't care what all the world thinks of me or says of me. I don't care if I lose all my property and die in the workhouse. I don't care if my husband, or wife, and every friend turns against me. I don't care if I lose my position in the Minis ry— if my Church turns against me. I don't care if I have to sacrifice my business, because I can't do the devilish cheating things that other people do. I don't care if I can't educate my children, they will be educated as well as God wants them to be. I don't care if I die before my time. I don't care what happens. I will have this salvation if it is to be had." When you come to *that* you will get it; that is the point. If I were asked where I believe thousands of believers stand to-day, I would say—"Just there. They are standing where Abraham stood when the Lord called him from his father's house and his native land into a land which he knew not and which he was only *afterwards* to receive for an inheritance. They are standing there, but they are not doing as Abraham did— coming out and obeying—they are standing there arguing, hesitating and halting. And there they have been for years. You will have to get over that bar and say, "Here goes, Lord, if I lose all I'm going all lengths with Thee, and I'll prove Thee, and test Thee, whether Thou can'st save to the uttermost, and whether Thou can'st take care of Thine own."

*That* is consecration. I solemnly protest unto you that I know of no other that is worth a rush in the sight of God.

The second condition is FAITH.

When you have come thus far then you must believe— trust. I have talked with hundreds of souls, and as a rule, have not found much difficulty about faith, when the consecration is thorough. Still, there are exceptions, because there are two mistakes made on this point. There are some morbidly anxious souls whom Satan gets to be always consecrating, but never trusting. They remind me of what a friend of mine once said of a certain person, referring to the offering of the Temple, she said, "You are always scraping the inwards and never getting any further." So these souls go on scraping the inwards day after day, year after year, but they never bring the offering to the Lord and *leave it with Him*—that is, trust that he receives it.

The other mistake is that people try to trust without scraping the inwards. They won't let the knife go too far because it hurts. They won't examine. When we bring the flaming torchlight of God's truth and hold it before their consciences, they say it is too strong. I don't want to see that corner or the other." They are not honest. They don't truly consecrate, and so they get no further.

Now, what God hath put together let us not be as foolish as to put asunder. We are to consecrate—that is our part. We are to be thorough and sincere and allow the Holy Spirit to have His way—let Him reveal to us as He did to Ezekiel the hidden corruption of the Temple. Let Him show it up in His own all-glorious light, and don't let us flinch because it burns. Let us draw our shrinking, shrivelled hearts up to the light and say, "Yes, Lord, it hurts, but go on Lord