

And is it even so?—The Lord's own people destroyed for lack of knowledge!—My Brethren, let us see to it, that this solemn expostulation addressed to Israel of old, be not addressed with equal justice to ourselves, or if conscience have already proved us guilty in the matter, let us take timely heed, lest haply we be found even to fight against God.

I shall therefore beg you to consider the importance of Divine knowledge, and our consequent obligation to promote it, and will then briefly advert to the special claim upon your regard, of those who are of the household of faith—and may the Good Lord commend the word spoken with power to your hearts, and stir up your wills to devise liberal things!

If there were *many* ways of access to the Father of lights, and the revelation of Jesus Christ were only proposed as the shorter, better way, it would hardly be a matter of trifling importance to the pilgrim upon earth, to know what route he might pursue with greatest ease or safety to himself.—But the question assumes a far higher import, when we reflect that it is not one of *comparative advantage*.—There is a way of salvation, and *but one* such way.—“I am the way” says our Lord “no man cometh unto the Father but by me” hence eternal life is suspended on the knowledge of the true God and of Jesus Christ whom he has sent, and the question between knowledge and ignorance, becomes nothing less than a question of life or death. It would be foreign to my subject to discuss the possible salvability of those who have never received the message from