

human heart to see the Master; and not only so, but to be seen by the Master when he came that way. He possessed the necessary measure of faith and belief that He was coming that way. He may have heard it through report concerning the way and the time. I have no anxiety about the manner in which this faith was established, but it resulted in action, thereby becoming a living faith, and this I am anxious to know. And then there was the feelings of necessity. Zacchæus, we read, was small of stature, which may fitly illustrate, it seems to me, his condition of mind, his littleness of feeling, his sense of unworthiness, and the fear that he would not be observed by the Master. Hence the necessity of taking some steps on the part of placing himself in a position where he might be reached—where he might be found—where he might be saved. Just so sure as we take these steps, just so sure will we realize the blessed results and be the recipients of God's favor and love. Jesus, through the inspiration of God, beheld the man, where he was, in the place to which he had repaired, the more favorable condition to which he had brought himself, and as he approached he called to him: This is a characteristic of God, who is a present helper in every time of need; He is a God nigh at hand, not afar off; He is a God of love, a kind parent, not as some suppose, a God of wrath, vengeance and judgment. Jesus called to that individual condition: "Zacchæus, make haste and come down." Every word that Jesus uttered is full of meaning. When we come to consider it, there is very much in that word *haste*. It gives no chance for delaying, for putting it off till a more convenient season. "Make haste, and come down for to-day I must abide at thy house." It is necessary that we give immediate response, while to-day lasts, to the divine commands that enlighten our understanding, and *to-day* is while the light lasts that inspires them. Zacchæus

made haste and came down, and the result was that Jesus went with him to his house and abode there. He from whom he desired to call forth a glance of recognition went to abide with him, and there in his immediate presence came this open confession from his soul: "If I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold." Observe the complete, whole-souled emptiness on the part of Zacchæus, and again the universality of the expression: "Any thing from any man." How broad and unexceptional the confession, beautifully characteristic of God's universality and impartiality. And the reward, how immediate, full, and complete: "This day is salvation come to this house." There is come into the soul an experience better than it is wont to enjoy. How marvellously illustrative of the experiences of our own lives. I believe that among the thousands of conditions in the human family there is not one but may find a parallel in the life of Jesus. I say I do believe that that same holy and divine power that actuated the Son of God over eighteen hundred years ago continues to actuate His sons and daughters in this day, and no less wonderfully or miraculously working now in the souls of men than He did then in the physical life. It will all be plain if we but make a proper spiritual interpretation of those illustrations. God is a spirit, and there is a spirit in us, and this spirit in us is co-existent with that of the Father. They are one and the same. When we are influenced, when we are guided by the spirit of God, the spirit within us grows in the image of its Father God, and will ever be in a state of acceptance in the sight of God. If God ever individually inspired a son or daughter with His spirit, if He ever sent His divine Son into the world, He *continues* to send His Son into the world of mind and into the souls of men to-day, and so long as the world continues the same with its sin and its evil propensities, He so loves it that He *will continue* to send