

Sovereigns and Statesmen. We need a revival—a new birth of life—a resurrection.

How is this to come about? Over and over again, nations have revived by reading the forgotten Bible. It was so even in the reign of old Josiah. And again it was so in Ezra's time. Our Blessed Saviour Himself, when He was on earth, read the Bible and based His teaching and His conduct upon it. So did His Apostles. So did the Reformers, the Puritans, and the Methodists, and so do missionaries the wide world over. Don't worry about clergy and churches. Let them go their own way—at any rate, for the moment. Read and know the Bible, and all else, including public worship, will fall into its place.

Read it with your own eyes. Why *should* you be enslaved any longer by destructive criticisms, usually made in Germany, where, as we now know, the simplest diplomatic document can be perverted and misrepresented by the very scholars who, for thirty years, have dictated unto us our theology? I don't believe, and I never did believe, one-hundredth part of the invertive hypotheses by which the Bible has been surrounded and obscured. By their fruits we know them. Read the Book for yourself, make it your own, set apart the time to do so, and you will find Someone who will be a very present help to you in trouble.

Unless I am mistaken, if you read with perseverance and resolution, you will discover things in the Bible about which you will want to talk to others. That was my own situation, and thus it is that you have these pages. Your difficulties, doubtless, are not mine. I dare say that you know more about the Bible than I do, and that your life has been far more consistent than mine with our Saviour's teaching. But you