

do not teach the doctrine, or rather, that the preachers themselves do not profess the attainment of the experience. Then he compares them to the mountain guide who points the traveller to heights beyond and attempts to describe the way, although he has never scaled those heights himself. Then he says, very significantly, "We wonder if this experience which soars into cloud-land is not as unreal as the *ignis fatuus* that leads the dazed traveller over the boggy waste."

Now observe, first, that any truth that is not preached will soon be controverted. Heresies will spring up like weeds on ground that is not cultivated. I believe that much of the Adventist and Premillennial nonsense of the present day is the result of dropping out of pulpit discourses so largely the doctrine of the Second Coming of our Lord. I believe, also, that the swarming theories of future existence, Annihilationism, Restorationism, a Future Probation, etc., are the result of not preaching with proper faithfulness the scriptural doctrine respecting Future Punishment. Many other illustrations might be given. Now, if Methodist preachers cease to press upon the attention of their congregations what the Bible teaches in regard to the attainability of a pure heart, unscriptural notions will be sure to arise on that ground, compelling them to the task of clearing away the weeds in order to save the truth itself from being lost sight of entirely.

But observe, secondly, the importance of the preacher's being a leader of his people, as well as a teacher,