

beginning with gentle reproofs, showing us the right path that leads into the green pastures and fresh waters of eternal life. He comes with sweet ministrations to our souls, begets the infant birth of goodness within us, assuring us with the words of promise: "I will keep thee from that that is hurtful. I will instruct thee in the way of God, sweet peace shall be thine." Thus the love will extend and increase in us in proportion to our faithfulness to it and our willingness to receive it, and there is brought to light life and immortality in the soul. As we keep our minds in that receptive condition there comes the assurance that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, and God comes into that soul to dwell there, takes up His abode with us to open up the nature of His kingdom and to govern all within us going out by influences into all the concerns of life. It is not destined to be secluded from our fellow-beings, but it goes out into the world, influencing all our life's actions with our fellow-men. It is the Son, and sent of the Father, that comes to save us in the world from the sin of the world. And it comes down from heaven and dwells in us, in each soul, teaching it the will of the Father and warning it against departure from this the only way of life.

I feel inclined to turn the minds of my fellow-beings to the fact that whatever we can learn of God must be learned in the school of Christ, for he is the teacher of his people himself. And all creeds and beliefs to be of value must bear the divine impress and meet the witness in our hearts to the truth of God. There is no spiritual nourishment but that comes from the Creator and Author of all things.

As we are led by this inward monitor we have many times need of taking up the cross of bowing under that that runs counter to some natural desire. He does not force this cross upon us, but persuades us by holding forth the great gain such a course would be to us. Instead of indulging in sensual

joys and pleasures there would be all the liberty granted to the Son of God, the blessed eternal inheritance of the children, the heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ. For this saving principle in every man saves the soul from all sin. It is a universal religion adapted to the whole human family. All have access to this safe and sure Word, whereby God instructs His people himself, and it will show us how far we may go in the intercourse with our fellow-men, and there it places a check to the human passions with the "thus far and no farther."

There is something in right belief as effecting right actions. For it is often unto us according to our faith, for faith is founded on conviction, and I feel it is necessary to be true to our convictions if we secure peace to our minds. And we should desire to gain our knowledge from God that He might also confer His peace upon us, the peace He spoke of when he says: "My peace I leave with you."

Wherever our will says go one way and duty or conviction says go another way, there is the cross. The will way leads to death, the way of duty leads to life everlasting. Follow that that is right in the sight of the Creator. Every soul shall know this way and none need err therein. Neither is it necessary for one to pattern after another, for all may know him.

It is, moreover, right and necessary that the parent should have the oversight of the child, and the command is: "Children obey your parents in the Lord." This I consider a righteous testimony this added injunction "in the Lord," for if the parent is himself not under the divine influence he is unworthy the obedience of the child. After a time the child will perceive the arbitrary mind of the parent, and obedience to the will of God in its own mind will lead it into rebellion with the father. Therefore parents should seek right judgment from the source whence it can be obtained, for such wisdom is necessary to the proper direction of the