

RELIGION AS FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

every true conception of His dealings with men and the norm of all his fellowship with us to-day.

The words of our text viewed in the light of this conception of religion teach us, *first, that revelation is given not in word alone, but in life and act.*

The word of God is never used in the Bible to mean the writings only, but the living manifestation of God Himself. Friendship is manifested more in what we do than in what we say. The Bible shows us God working out His purposes in the lives of men and thus showing them what He is. It was what He did for and in the men who trusted Him that showed what He was. The prophets spake words from Him at times, but they more often pointed to what He had done, and what He would do in the world. The truth He would teach concerning Himself He worked out in men's lives and in the history of the nations. The fourteenth chapter of Exodus, for instance, gives the story of the deliverance of Israel from bondage. This chapter is not God's revelation of Himself: it is only the story of that revelation. The revelation was the exodus itself, and only as we see Him in the