

pray for gold, but would expect to help himself to that which was already his." The gold here represents God. Just as the gold cannot hear nor respond so the God of Christian Science is deaf to our cry and cannot respond to our needs.

How different the picture given in the Bible. God is represented as a loving Father whose son has wandered away from home. The Father goes out to meet him while he is yet a great way off. Or, God is a kind Shepherd who hears the cry of His lost sheep and goes out upon the mountain to find it and bring it home. In all the Bible God is represented as making overtures to man and coming with positive help and blessings to his rescue.

Oh, my hearers, thank God for a better faith than Christian Science. In your deepest heart you know that you have sinned against heaven. At your best you have felt yourself undone. Out of the depths of your heart you have cried unto God for mercy. All the time you were conscious that it was no mere mental or physical exercise. You knew that as a child you were talking to your Heavenly Father. Deep was calling unto deep, and you knew that the response which came to you was no mere echo, but the unmistakable voice of your Heavenly Father. That voice had a message for you straight from the heart of God. It said: "Fear not my child, I love you with infinite love. You have sinned but I have forgiven you. You have stained your garments but I have cleansed them. You have sold yourself to sin but I