

Let me then again say to all Christians who desire and labour for the conversion of souls: First, be right yourself; spend days and nights, if necessary, in humiliation, fasting, and prayer, until the Spirit comes upon you, and you feel that you have power with God; then you will have power with men in leading them to Christ.

Let none of us who proclaim the Gospel, preach complaining and scolding sermons, or make unkind remarks about those who differ from us, or who do not come up to the work as we would have them.

Let the melting, subduing love of Christ flow from our hearts and lips; the unconverted will then begin to cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" And we shall find ourselves in the midst of a glorious outpouring of the Spirit, with a host of busy hands and loving hearts about us, reaping and bringing in the sheaves, and with no more need of asking, "How can I best promote a revival?"—*From "Bringing in Sheaves."*

WHAT TO PREACH.

Every sermon should contain in itself sufficient of God's truth to save a soul. Let the subject be what it may, it should comprise a plain and simple offer of eternal life to the dead ones present. Remember that every congregation is composed of two classes, the believer and the unbeliever, the saved and the unsaved, the children of God and the children of the devil; and while the people of God desire to be led into sweet pastures by their shepherd, the troubled and the anxious come to find rest—to enter into peace.

First, be sure to discriminate your hearers. Let them feel that there is a difference—a momentous difference. Provide food, meat, milk for the children, but do not delude the unsaved by letting them think that such things are for them before they have been born again. Do not let them hear "Peace, peace, when there is no peace." Let the children depart fed with the bread of life, but make the unbeliever uneasy; plough the conscience of the formalist—the unconcerned—the self-deceiving; make the anxious more troubled until they find

rest in Christ; to the inquiring soul offer Christ in all his fulness, a free gift for his acceptance.

Do not be afraid or ashamed of common texts, such as—

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

"God so loved the world, that He gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."

"Through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins."

"The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

"I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Be not afraid or ashamed of the old foundation truths—

Ruin in Adam, redemption in Christ.

The inherent depravity of human nature.

The incurability of the natural heart.

The utter sinfulness of sin.

The curse, the wrath, the sentence of condemnation on the sinner.

CHRIST the perfect God and perfect Man.

CHRIST CRUCIFIED.

CHRIST the Sacrifice once for all offered.

The efficacy of THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

The absolute necessity of conversion, or the new birth.

The agency of the Holy Spirit.

Justification through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Sanctification through the Spirit and the Word.

CHRIST, our "wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

CHRIST, at the right hand of God, our Advocate, Intercessor, Forerunner.

CHRIST, coming again to judge the world, and to receive His people unto Himself, to be for ever with the Lord.

Remember the solemn adjuration of Paul to Timothy: "I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; PREACH THE WORD; be instant in season, out of season."

Also the words of the Lord—

"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE."