

upon his altar a freewill offering to him, rejoicing in the assurance that, he will graciously accept such a gift at their hands.

None who love Him will neglect the assemblies of His saints, or be absent from the services of His house, when it is possible for them to be present. Does not Jesus meet with his people, and breathe upon them and say "Receive ye the Holy Spirit," thus imparting strength and wisdom and encouragement to them, that they may "attempt great things for him, and expect great things from him." When we hear him say, "as My Father has sent me, even so send I you," and "lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," we go forth with renewed inspiration, and are fitted for greater usefulness in his service. And again, what man is there, who, knowing from his own blessed experience that, the preaching of the gospel, is the great instrumental means, so largely owned and blessed of God in the conversion of souls, will not strive to influence the unsaved to attend the ministry of the Word, and earnestly pray that their hearts may be open to receive the truth, and that they may be made the willing subjects of our King.

Loyalty to Christ will make us faithful to the trust he has committed to us in spreading the good news of the Kingdom, and evangelizing the world. It will make us "determined to know nothing among men, save Christ Jesus and him crucified," and, "not to shun to declare the whole counsel of God," whether men will hear or forbear. It will stimulate us to earnestly, faithfully and lovingly labor to make known to man, God's plan of saivation, to show that it is just such a plan as the exigencies of the sinner require, and that "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Then, when the Holy Spirit carries home the truth, and the trembling penitent cries, in the agony of his soul, "what must I do," the love of Christ will constrain us to answer the inquiry in the words which the Master himself has provided, "repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." It is the boast of our denomination, that we hold the whole truth, and that we teach the whole truth, and nothing but the truth: and our loyalty to Christ makes us very careful to bring every doctrinē, every precept and every practice which we are asked to receive or teach, to the test of God's word, to weigh them in the balances of the sanctuary, and to compare them with the pattern he has furnished us. If they stand not this test, we reject them however specious they may appear, and recognize them only as the doctrines and traditions of men. Thus we seek to honor the Master, to deliver our own souls, and to stand approved on "that day" when we render to him an account of our stewardship, that we may hear him say, "well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Brethren, do we desire to re-consecrate ourselves to Christ and to his service, then, let us meditate deeply upon this subject, let us pray much over it, and continue to practise it, till it burns into our hearts, and we are brought to feel that no sacrifice for Him can be too great, and no suffering for Him, too much. Let us emulate the zeal of our Master and his Apostles, and let the spirit of our fathers—