

conversion in my church for these two years." Now what was the reason? There *was* a reason, and I am afraid many might say the same. Yet there are the unconverted. They come to be operated upon. Take a church where there is a congregation of, say 800 or 1,000, suppose with a membership of 200 or 300. What becomes of the 500 or 700 unbelievers, who come and go, Sunday after Sunday, like a door on its hinges, neither better nor worse?—nay, God grant it might be so, but they are worse. They get enough light to light them down to damnation, but they do not get enough power to lift them into salvation. *What is the matter.* There must be something wrong. Will you account for it? It ought to be accounted for! It ought not so to be. God is not changed. Surely He is as anxious for the salvation of men as He ever was. Human hearts are not changed; they are neither better nor worse; they are depraved, vile, devilish—just the same. The Gospel is exactly the same power it ever was, rightly experienced, lived, and preached. It is still the power of God unto salvation. Then what is the matter? The truth is preached. The people hear it, and yet they remain as they were. Where is the lack?

Now, I say, and I must unhesitatingly assert, that the great want is **POWER**—this power of which we have been reading.

And I want to remark, thirdly, *that this power is as distinct, and definite, and separate a gift of God as was this Book, as was the Son, or any other gift which He has given us!*