

gospel message came forth from lips touched with heavenly fire, how swiftly would the Word of the Lord "run," and how richly would it be "glorified!" What a harvest of souls would speedily be reaped! Many, in the present day, are crying out for an educated ministry. This is well; but may the Lord stir the people up to pray for a ministry full of the Holy Ghost and of power. In the name of our God, let us "go up at once."

Let every believer in Jesus "go up." It is your privilege so to do. That "goodly land" is your blood-bought inheritance,—the gift of a Saviour's love, and nothing but unbelief can keep you from taking possession. A holy Church is the great need of the times. Nothing else can make the least impression upon the solid ranks of the foe. Infidelity scorns your arguments, and worldliness heeds not your feeble appeals; but let the experience of holiness be revived in the Church, and then "one shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight;" for "the Lord will give you a mouth and wisdom which your adversaries shall neither be able to gainsay nor resist." Why are we so feeble? Why is the standard of our spiritual life so low? Why are there so many in our Churches who are altogether in a mist in regard to personal salvation, and the witness of the Spirit? Is it not because the old testimony and experience of holiness has been suffered to decline? Up with the banner again! and let neither the hate of a hostile world nor the coldness of half-converted professors, deter us from testifying to all that the blood of Jesus "cleanseth from all sin."

"We are well able to overcome it." This is not boasting,—it is but an acknowledgment of the "power that worketh in us mightily." It is not presumption,—it is simply confessing that Jesus is

"Above the world and Satan's power,
And greater than our heart."

The "sons of Anak" are there, I know; but Jesus is greater than they. "We are well able," because God is upon our side. His will is our salvation from all sin. He would not have us linger in the wilderness; but would have us at once pass over Jordan. It is not a question of what we can do for ourselves; it is a question of what God can do for us. Let us go up fearlessly,—the Lord will be our defence; let us go up believingly,—for by faith is the victory given; let us go up *now*, for "now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation." Doubt no more, but follow Jesus; fear not your inbred foes, they will flee at the presence of the Lord. "Gigantic lusts come forth to war," but faith looks to Jesus, and "lo! they fall beneath our feet."

"Rise! ye men of Israel, rise!
Your routed foe pursue!
Shout his praises through the skies,
Who conquers sin for you:
Jesus doth for you appear,
He his conquering grace affords;
Saves you, not with sword and spear,
The battle is the Lord's."

"Let us go up *at once*, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."