

consistent and well-developed *Bible morality*. If Christ be any thing to you, He is your Saviour-King as well as your Saviour-Priest. To talk of believing in him, and yet live in wilful violation of His authority, is a palpable contradiction, which you must get quit of, or stand charged with a miserable formalism, or a ruinous hypocrisy.

Nor do we fear gravely to affirm, that wherever the principles of the Gospel are held in faith, and where its true piety is fully carried out, there will be found among that people *a purity and strength* of moral sentiment, and a broad and sincere application of *moral practice* in every day life, which will be sought for in vain where religion is spurious, or where its heavenly doctrines are unknown. Not to see this is to be blind to the plainest of all facts. To see it, and yet deny it, shows a weak and bitter prejudice against the truth. For I hold it to be axiomatically plain, that when the Gospel of Christ has taken a firm hold of the understanding, the conscience and heart of a man, that man, although he may not be perfect, yet will in a high sense be rigorously moral. You, who are professors of religion, readily admit this. Well, how does it apply when each brings it home to himself? Dost thou adorn thy profession, my hearer, with truthfulness, temperance, purity, honesty and benevolence? Or is it far otherwise? Does conscience accuse thee of a lax morality? Then, I beseech thee to consider thy inconsistent and dangerous position—inconsistent it is, with the profession thou hast made of submission to Christ's laws;—dangerous it is, for if the context be looked at, it will be seen that the judgments threatened against the Jews were mainly for breaches of the second table of the law. Ponder this ye who have departed from the path by any duty neglected, by any wilful sin committed, and instantly return to *the good old way*. Live in purity, love justice, do mercy. In a word, "love thy neighbour as thyself."

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