

No doubt, my brethren, some of you have received these truths, but can it be said of you that they are "*the Gospel wherein ye stand?*" i. e. in which you are fixed, established, stable? Have you no doubts or misgivings upon these points? Have no changes taken place in your hearts within the last few months? Are there none who were once zealous for God, but are now cold and lukewarm? None who were once devoted to Christ, but who are now looking back upon the world? Alas! my brethren, lukewarmness cannot make you happy. The world cannot make you happy. It is the Gospel and the Gospel alone, received in its truth, understood in its discoveries, bowed to in its demands, enjoyed in its privileges, that can confer upon you this precious privilege. May the Lord of Heaven impress you with this conviction, and lead you to take your stand for time and for eternity upon that word of the living God, which like its glorious author, shall live and abide forever.

It is that word, my brethren, and that word alone, which in renewing among you the exercise of my ministry, I desire to take as my guide and counsellor. May God enable me, on all occasions, to speak in simplicity the truth, as it is in Jesus and you to receive in faith, that engrafted word, which is able to save your souls!\* *Amen.*

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\* James i. 21.