

I speak this to your shame;" or, in his language to the Ephesians, "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." No erring sinner in a gospel land is unfortunate; but he is a guilty rebel who wilfully shuts his eyes, that he may not see the light. It is a shame for any man, woman, or child not to know God, when the means for obtaining the knowledge of God are so abundant.

Some wilfully err through covetousness: "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."—1 Timothy vi. 9, 10. "An heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Boser, who loved the wages of unrighteousness."—2 Peter ii. 14, 15. "Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core."—Jude 11. More err and get to hell through covetousness than through any other single sin; and therefore it becomes the imperative duty of the ministers and people of God to "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."—1 Timothy vi. 18, 19.

Some wilfully err through indecision of character: "Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty."—Hosea x. 6. "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."—2 Tim. iii. 7. "And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul, also, according to the wisdom given unto him, hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they also do the other scriptures, to their own destruction."—1 Peter ii. 14, 15. These characters have some desire to be saved, but want to unite in the same heart the love of God and mammon; they want to reconcile Christ and Belial; and to amalga-