

words following—"Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?" The catastrophe which happened those bold sinners affords warning to others of similar transgression. The earth swallowed those, and wrath awaits these.

Our Saviour when on earth presented lively examples of the most tender, sympathetic, and inoffensive expressions ever found on record, as a few specifications will show. "He that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and *I will love him*, and will manifest myself to him." "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." "I have *compassion* on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat, and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way." [How frequently opulent professors with frowning looks send away the hungry to "faint in the way."] "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus." "Jesus wept." "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together," &c. A celebrated writer of the present age has said, "The reason why no truly great men appeared among the pagan nations of old, is because they were destitute of a proper or perfect model." But the same cannot be said of us. We behold in our Master every thing worthy of admiration and imitation. O that we would in our conversation both to and of one another, imitate "the meekness and gentleness of" our gracious Lord.

The New Testament in the following style condemns evil speaking. "Lie not one to another." "Be kindly affectionate one to another, with brotherly love." "If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." "If any man offend not in *word*, the same is a perfect man." "But if you have bitter anger and strife in your hearts, do you not boast and lie against the truth?" "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." "My brethren these things ought not so to be."

Should we visit a brother, we not unfrequently must hear unfriendly remarks concerning this one or that one, or perhaps fault is found with the Overseers, whom we ought to remember to honor and obey; or peradventure we are doomed to hear something contemptible either