

was to the world; and I believe Paul blesses God to-day for the Philippian Jail, and for the opposition he encountered in Rome, because it gave him time to write those blessed letters. Talk of Alexander making the world tremble with the tread of his armies; and Cæsar and Napoleon's power; but here is a little tent maker, who, without an army, moved the world.

Why?

Because God Almighty was with him.

He says in one place "None of these things move me," They threw him in prison; but it was all the same—it did not move him. When he was at Corinth and Athens preaching, it was all the same. He just pressed towards the mark of the prize of his high calling. If God wanted him to go through prisons to win the prize, it was all the same to him. They put him in prison, but they put the Almighty in with him, and he was so linked to Jesus that they could not separate them. He would rather be in prison with Christ than out of prison without him. He would a thousand times rather be cast into prison with the Son of God and suffer a little persecution for a few days here, than to be living without him.

He went over into Macedonia. He heard the cry, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." He went over and he preached, and the first thing that happened to him was that he was put into the Philippians' jail. Now, if he had been as faint-hearted as most of us, he would have been disappointed and cast down. There would have been a good deal of complaint.