

they need. Sin weighs heavily upon them ; their cares are many and perplexing ; their hearts are oftentimes bruised and broken with sorrow ; they look to the future with anxiety and fear, and are opposed with the infinite burden of life. Too meet their wants we must enter into the spirit and essence of the gospel, and preach the doctrines of divine grace in all their fullness ; declaring "the unsearchable riches of Christ," the glory of his redemption, the height, the depth, the length and breadth, of that love which caused Him to "bear our sins in his own body on the tree," and the blessedness of the life eternal which becomes ours by union with Him.

There is nothing superfluous in "the gospel of our salvation." Whatever has been revealed is needed ; and the wise preacher will take the broadest possible view of the grand theme, will endeavor to see it as it is, and to assimilate it, and make it the life of his own spirit ; and having done so, he will reject every theological system, every religious creed, and all the narrow minded traditions of the pulpit and the ignorant prejudices of the churches, that require him to set aside or withhold any doctrine, suggestion, precept, duty, or promise, contained in the Word of God.

You may see in the country flocks of sheep in the midst of a large field, fenced in by hurdles. They look with longing eyes at the green pastures beyond the fence, but these are not for them. There within the narrow limits assigned, must they graze. Thus do men enclose within their creeds particular portions of the Truth, and they expect you to rest and be satisfied within the narrow circle they have formed. But you are not content ; and now and again you cast a glance upon the pasture lands beyond—you see the waving fields that stretch away to the horizon, and you would remove the obstacles, and have liberty of these sweet outlying domains of Truth. But this is not to be ; and when you think

or speak thus, you are if not a heretic, bordering upon heresy. It is delightful to pass from this narrowness into the open regions of the Bible. Entering here you may sing with David : "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Here you have perfect freedom. You may lie down in green pastures, rest by the still waters, drink of the living fountains, muse by the flowing streams, climb the fruitful hills, inhale the fragrance of gardens and satisfy your soul with the fatness of this land which flows with milk and honey.

WHAT MANNER OF LANGUAGE HE SHOULD USE.

His aim should be to make the people understand the gospel, as far as that is possible ; to believe that the gospel is true ; to feel that it is "the power of God ;" and to embody it in a holy Christian life. And the questions genius of the gospel is an element of power which all may feel. There are thousands of Christian people who have not, and cannot, study the evidences of our religion, who have but small knowledge of its doctrines, and have never confronted the intellectual difficulties which cause so much confusion to others ; and yet the spirit of it has reached their hearts. A child that never read a book on chemistry can understand that honey is sweet. You may feel the power of mountain scenery without being learned in geology. A man ignorant of all botanical classifications may enjoy the fragrance of the summer fields. We may know nothing of the science of astronomy, and yet admire the immensity and splendor of the open heavens. In like manner, people with very slender knowledge of theology are able to feel and appreciate the power of the gospel. They are influenced by its spirit, changed by its genius, and confronted by its tenderness and love.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE CHRISTIAN PREACHER.

Humanity stands before us to-day, arrayed in the new garments of modern