

of God, your self righteousness is a display of filthy rags and if not crazed by sin, in sorrow and shame, you would abandon it all at once.

Remember, Christ uttered His most scathing rebukes against self righteous sinners.

3. *The wickedness of sinners.* What base ingratitude to receive life, health, strength, food, raiment, home, friends and every blessing from God, and yet, as the unreasoning swine that eat the fruit beneath the tree and never look up, you never look up to God with grateful acknowledgement!

What wickedness that you, whilst a fellow-sinner with men, should set yourself up for a judge with God. Unmercifully condemning the imaginary or real but *occasional* sins of God's children whilst your whole life is one of *constant* rebellion and sin. "He shall have judgment without mercy that shewed no mercy." "Though hypocrite first cast the beam out of thine own eye."

How wicked in the sight of God and of angels to blight, dwarf and destroy your own soul notwithstanding Gods loving efforts to save you, whilst at the same time you are sowing the devil's seed in the hearts of others! You mean some day to stop. Unless God help, you cannot, and if you should, what of the past? A dying man of ill-spent life said: "Oh that my influence could be gathered up and buried with me." That could not be: for it, there was no shroud nor burial. It will ever walk the earth a pestilence to destroy. Will there be souls in hell whom you shall have sent there in a similar way? It was a wise penitential prayer of a man, who had exercised influence for evil, "Lord forgive my other men's sins." What awful wickedness to help the devil destroy yourself and others! What monstrous wickedness to continue doing this deliberately, persistently!

4. *The danger to which sinners are exposed.* God to sustain government must have law. Law must have penalties attached to it, otherwise it is merely good advice. If criminals should be let off with good advice merely, they would grow worse and multiply, and life would be unsafe. Law must have prisons. Once those who are in our penitentiaries were sweet babes, but sinners. "Evil men and seducers," God says, "shall wax worse and worse." So, sin in you will grow and multiply--if you are not soon saved until it would dethrone God and blot out heaven. Therefore, as in time we have many, in eternity God has one great prison house--hell.

Make light of sin! Angels sinned but once and were cast out of