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well as in other apparent discrepancies in God's Word. The sword which pierced His own loving heart was in this sense brought by Him. There is a false peace among men which arises from indifference. Whenever the people of God are active in living and proclaiming the truth as it is in Jesus, the powers of evil are aroused also, and every form of evil quickens into new life. Peace can never fully prevail where sin and error exist. The flesh and the spirit within us are antagonistic; the members of one household may be and have been greatly divided against each other, for Jesus said, "I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against the mother, and a man's foes shall be they of his own household. The brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child, and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death, and ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." The last words throw light upon our Lord's meaning. Christ's kingdom and the subjects of His kingdom must be antagonistic to the kingdom of this world and the Prince of the powers of the air.

There are many things in nature that will not commingle or unite: Vapours which meet only to explode, and elements that must always conflict. Light must ever remain light, and the darkness vanish before it. The angels of heaven must constantly guard the high-way against the demon hosts that seek the destruction of the souls and bodies of men, and the Lion of the Tribe of Judah must and does conflict with that great lion who goes about seeking whom he may devour. Truth and error can never combine. Truth was and is of heavenly birth; while error was nursed amidst the darkness of ignorance and the depths of hell. There are circumstances in which it is not possible to perfectly acquiesce in the will of a private individual. So that if he is resolutely bent on our compliance with it, a rupture between us is wholly unavoidable. We should not and could not give up our Christianity at the bidding of friends and relatives, nor at the command of the highest power on earth. It was not against their personal enemies the primitive Christians strove, but against the enemies of God and of truth. They resisted unto blood, but their strife was against sin. For three hundred years they offered only a passive resistance, and one that was not the less firm because it was passive. It was not only in the feebleness of their infancy when the Christians formed but a little flock amid the over-