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David says in Psalm 119: 59, "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." The first thing a man is called upon to do is to stop and think. There are millions in hell to-day who would have been saved, had they given a little time to thought. Ten minutes thought would have changed their eternity. "I thought on my ways." Consider that question, the first question asked by God of fallen man—"Where art thou?" "Who art thou?" "Where goest thou?" We are in the narrow road or the broad road. In the broad road you have elegant company, and in fine style you go marching on to perdition. Some imagine they are on the clean side of the broad road, like the young man who said, "All these commandments have I kept from my youth up." Others are entirely unwilling to admit for a moment that they are in the middle of it. We must understand that we are in peril and need deliverance. Robert Breckenridge is reported as having answered to a man who "would not be frightened into heaven." "My friend, I never knew a man who was saved unless he was first scared, and pretty badly scared." There must be the sense of need before there can be any precious sense of deliverance. He must be like David, in deep waters; or, like Peter on the waves, sinking because he looked away from the Saviour. The first thing then for a man to do is to turn his feet to the testimony of the Lord. But when he has learned the grace of God and is forgiven, he is not yet able to do much walking. Lameness is universal. The very first miracle wrought after Pentecost was the healing of that lame man whose ankle bones were strengthened, and he leaped up and walked, and entered into the temple leaping and praising God. There are intimations in the Scripture that the condition of a man born into the kingdom, so far as walking is concerned, is that of one who suffers dislocation. Take the prayer in Heb. 13: 21. "Make you perfect in every good work, etc." Perfect is a surgical word, denoting a surgical operation. Join to that Eph. 4: 12.

You are lame as the young man; you can be put into shape. Joel 3: 16, tells us (reading the margin), that the Lord will be "the place of repair of His people," as a ship goes into a dry dock. When they brought the lame and blind to Jesus' feet, we are told in Matt. 15: 30, "they cast them down" as if utterly helpless. They were, so far any possibility in themselves was concerned, but they left them at Jesus' feet, and He helped them up.

David in Psa. 119: 45, says, "I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts."

We have just been celebrating the glorious 4th July on the other side, which Carlyle says "is the ushering in of a democracy, which shall overwhelm the world like a whirlwind." To be free,