

of nature are to become subservient to his will and minister to his welfare.

Man is greater than the Temple, more sacred than the altar. The Temple was built for him. The altar was reared for him. The Temple will crumble back to dust. The altar will moulder into ashes. But man will live through the eternities in ever-growing power and splendor. There is nothing great in the world but man; and man's greatness lies in the fact that he was made in God's image and possesses a soul capable of immortality.

The Bible never belittles man. Systems of theology have belittled him; but the Bible, never. The Bible will not allow a man to belittle or think meanly of himself or of others. It holds up before every human being the possibilities of a sublime career. It bids all men rise up and claim kinship with God. We are made partakers of the divine nature. We are heirs of God; heirs to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away. It doth not yet appear what we shall be.

Religion as taught in the Bible puts great honor on humanity. It reveals man to himself. It teaches man to honor himself as a being made in God's image. It appeals to our highest manhood, and bids us walk worthy our high calling. It urges us not to fall below the possibilities of our nature. It calls us to live in the higher regions of our being. It lifts us out of the animal into the intellectual, out of the intellectual into the spiritual.

What is it to live a religious life? I answer to live a religious life is to live in the highest part of our nature. It is to do the noblest deeds our nature is capable of doing. It is to develop the noblest character our nature is capable of reaching. It is to think the highest thoughts our minds are capable of thinking. It is to experience the purest joys our souls are capable of feeling. What is holiness? Holiness is developing our faculties to their highest reach and devoting them to their