

This is the prerogative of the Holy Ghost, and I have not a shadow of a doubt that the eternal day will reveal other kind of work to be wood, hay, stubble. All the sham conversions, all the persons whose lives and opinions have been changed by anything short of this power will be wood, hay, stubble. It is the prerogative of the Spirit of God. Therefore, we want this Spirit to do this work. What! you set yourself to enlighten a darkened human soul, to convince a hardened rebellious sinner, to convert a rebel in arms against God, with an inveterate hatred in the very core of his soul against God and all about God. You set yourself to bring down *that*—to transform that evil, wicked heart, to subdue that soul to submission and obedience!—you try it, try it without the Spirit of God. Oh! no, you want that Spirit, You want the same measure of that Spirit, just the same, which Paul had.

And what is our work? To go and subjugate the world to Jesus; everybody we can reach, everybody we can influence, and bring them to the feet of Jesus, and make them realize that He is their lawful King and lawgiver; that the devil is a usurper, and that they are to come and serve Christ all the days of their lives. Dare any of us think of it without this equipment of power? Talk about "Can we have it?"—we are of no use without it. What can we do without it? This is the reason of the effateness of so much professed Christianity; there is no Holy Ghost in it! It is all rotten. It is like a very pretty corpse—you cannot say there is this wanting, or the other