

and do all that is in thine heart," because the thought was a good one, yet he knew afterwards that it was not according to God's will. Good intentions, good resolutions are not enough. One needs to be taught of God, and when your heart is set on doing God's will, you may find that that will is very different from what you think.

At one of the colleges in Cambridge this anthem is yearly sung at the beginning of the Michaelmas year, "Where withal shall a young man cleanse his way, even by ruling himself after Thy Word." That is the keynote it would be well for us to have, ruling ourselves and the course of our lives according to God's will.

When did Naaman find a blessing? When he humbled himself; when he obeyed the voice of God's prophet and did as he was told.

God's blessing is there, but you will not find it unless you are in the path of obedience, for the goodness of God always leads man to repentance.

Naaman had thought this, and he had thought that. He was proud of his power, and disappointed because things did not happen as he expected.

We like to think we are right; yet, with all our knowledge, and all our desire to do right, who is there among us who can say he knows everything he ought to know? Who has no need for repentance? Ask yourself sometimes, "Where do I stand? Am I worse to-day than I was yesterday?"

There are some things we can never learn without perfect obedience. We may question why this or that will not do, but we will receive no answer. Nicodemus questioned our Lord when he came to see Him at night. "How can a man be born again?" The disciples questioned, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" They received no answer, only the command, "Ye must be born of water and the Spirit." "Ye must eat this bread"—in other words, our Lord says, "You must obey." In seeking the explanation for yourself, you will find the answer in your own experience. As you obey, as you come to Him in baptism, in communion, God will give you the new birth, the true food.

Don't be in a hurry to change. We need to learn slowly step by step the will of God. All opportunities are given you to learn His Holy Will in the church, in the sheltering fold of this school, in His house. Set your heart then at the beginning of the new term to learn that will before everything else, for nothing else matters. Never neglect prayer—your daily private prayers, your family prayers, in chapel. Pray often; pray always.

"Teach me to do Thy will, O God, and put Thy law within my heart."