

this work ; then, be assured that this is a call from God to go. That it is, I conceive, that the Lord speaks to those whom he would have employed in this service. Let the one to whom such a voice comes, be *assured* that it is the voice of the Saviour calling to him or her to go—take courage—rest upon all the promises which have a bearing upon this work,—and praise the Lord that he has put this desire in your heart—for such is of the Lord and not of man. Finally, this desire should be the subject of constant examination and prayer.

A missionary should possess *Abrasive Faith*. I do not propose to consider what faith is, as to its nature and as to its various modes of operation. These are *essentially* the same, as found, in all believers. All I propose to do, is to point out some of those peculiar developments of this grace, which are necessary to qualify a person for this service. Its peculiar development of strength which will bear up under every trial ; lead forward to the prompt discharge of every duty—even, tho' it be the *not withholding* of an only son,—is indicated by the qualifying term employed to distinguish it.

It ought to be an enlightened faith—Scripturally enlightened as to its objects of belief—as to all that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, is and has promised to be to all his servants engaged in this work. This confidence, in addition to enlightenment, should be heart-felt—unwavering.

Again, this faith should not be *merely* general. It should take, for granted, that every thing which is the object of faith, and is suited to present wants, trials, or toils, has a special reference to himself, and as tho' it were designed to have an individual bearing upon *self*, and none *else*. This faith should enable him to rest upon such promises, as the following, as tho' they had a special reference to himself. Such, as for example : " He is head over all things to his church." " The hairs of your head are all numbered." " He who spared not his own Son, but freely delivered him up for us all, shall with him also freely give us all things." " All things shall work together for good to them that love God." " That our light afflictions which are but for a moment, worketh out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." " God is my Shepherd, I shall not want." " To enable him to sing, as did good Hab. 3. 17, 18. Thus it is, he should not only have a strong faith ; but also, have in his mind all those promises.