

know God is holy and you are unholy, He is righteous and you are unrighteous, you love sin, and He hates it. Now it is true, God is righteous and holy and hates sin, but you do not know Him, else, true as this is, you would gladly meet Him, for in meeting Him *now*, in this day of grace, you would meet One who has fully measured all your need, and just as fully provided for it. But this, Satan does not want you to know. He desires to keep you in darkness, and to blind your mind (he blinds the minds of those that believe not. II Cor. iv. 4), for he is a deceiver, a liar and a murderer. But notwithstanding Satan's lies, and the foolish and wicked pleadings of your own heart, it is true that *all* good is found in God Himself, and in Him alone. Nowhere else can true good be found. It is worth while, then, to know Him, and to taste His goodness, and to learn how He has met all our guilty need in His own infinite goodness and love.

When Paul went to Thessalonica he found the people there, as they were everywhere among the Gentiles, worshippers of idols. Now it is important to see what this really involved. I Cor. x. 20, 21 will tell us: "But I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils." So then idol-worshippers were simply *devil-worshippers*. They might not know this, for they were deceived, blinded by the power of Satan, who led them by their lusts and passions, connecting these things with idolatry. But whether they knew it or not, it was true. There were many different kinds of idolatry, but the stamp