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The contrariety which our fallen nature feels to this holy discipline of the Gospel, is the chief source of all that opposition which it has met with in every period of time, and meets with at this day. Were the truths of Christianity merely speculative—were they intended to have no influence on the heart and conduct of mankind; there would probably be no more opposition to them, than there is to the truths that are unfolded by solving a mathematical problem. But human pride, and human corruption rise instantly against those truths, which would subdue and utterly root them out.

THE design of the Gospel, however, is the same at this day, that it was when first published; and it is equally the power of God unto salvation, to all that truly believe; whether Jews or Gentiles, whether born in a land of Heathens, or of Christian Professors. This design should therefore be ever kept in view by those to whom the ministry of the Gospel is committed; and they should, among other things, endeavour to rectify any mistakes concerning it, into which their brethren may have fallen. They should go forth in the spirit, and imitate the example, of its first Preachers, both in doctrine, in life, in zeal and exertion; and humbly pray for God's bleffing on their labours, thus they may expect success, and that the Gospel will be attended with its former efficacy in reforming mankind.