

anything to do with the spiritual service of God. They refrain from prayer now, but they will pray then. God's character and claims were not in their thoughts here, but they will be deeply moved by a consideration of them there.

Reader, are you on your way to this meeting? You hope not. But it is your *manner of life*, and not your *hope*, that determines this. If you have little or nothing to do with prayer in this world—if no family or secret altar is fragrant with the incense of your supplications—if you are now averse to drawing nigh unto God, you are certainly on your way to this meeting. If you do not pray here, you assuredly will there.

Be persuaded to avoid that meeting. There will be enough there without you. Let the blessed duty of prayer be your joy here, from day to day. Love it. Watch unto it. Persevere in it. In faith and humility carry it on. Let nothing but death stop you. Then, while others pray for the rocks and the mountains to hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, you will sing, "Worthy is the Lamb that has redeemed me unto God by His blood."—*The Gospel Field*.

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL.

This is something which every Christian must be doing. It may be that we have little to give towards the support of gospel institutions. The building of churches, the distribution of the word of God, the carrying forward of missionary enterprises, must depend, perhaps, more upon our prayers than upon our purses. We are, possibly, not capable of rendering very efficient service in the labors of the Church. We are not "apt to teach" in the Sunday-school, and it is more from principle than from the hope of profiting others, that we take any share in social meeting. But there is one thing every child of God can do. By the grace of God, all can *live out* the gospel. And he who is earnestly striving to do this is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

We speak much of the importance, of the dignity, of the efficacy of preaching the gospel. This is the best preaching, this is the highest style of preaching. It is a kind of preaching which our Lord Jesus Christ expects of every follower. Every believer is called of God as was Aaron for this, and is anointed of the Holy Ghost, and sealed with the spirit of promise. A Christian life is the most commanding pulpit. No words are so telling as a good man's daily walk. And nothing so checks and counteracts the preaching of God's ministers as the want of a consistent life on the part of God's people. The thunders of a Christian Demosthenes may roll along the sky, and no one tremble, because the unfaithful lives of the members of the church muffle the sound.

When Christians visibly take upon themselves what they preach to the world, and the minister can point and say: "Behold how this gospel does honor and glorify men, see what fruits it yields, hear the joyful salutation of believers, look on their daily honesty, witness how gently and peacefully they go into the world loaded with blessings,"—was there ever eloquence like that? Is it not now the great drawback to our