

enormity of their offence. In the text I have selected, we see one of these periods of backsliding, and out of the midst of the desolation the voice of one of God's servants cries aloud, "Thus saith the Lord." Now when these words were spoken, the ears of the wandering in Israel were touched, and, as it should always be, the messenger was lost sight of in the message. Jeremiah was about to speak God's word to the kingdom of Judah, a part of the once united nation, and to-night I speak in God's name to the Church of England, the Judah of the church of God, which of old times was pure and undefiled in its teaching of the faith once delivered unto the saints, and for which I love her, and by virtue of whose teaching in the protestant days of my boyhood I am impelled to make my feeble effort to uphold the faith as it is in Jesus, and preserve what is fast disappearing, the church service of my fathers; until that day when the true children of that portion of the Israel of God return to the old path and the proclaiming of simple evangelical truth by word and book, thought and deed.

"Thus saith the Lord, stand in the ways and see." It is always a good thing if you are in the forest, or on the prairie, and darkness comes upon you, so that you have lost the trail, to call a halt, and find out just where you are, rather than continue to march on, following leaders who are either blind or wilfully bent upon leading you into some place which you would never consent to journey to if you knew where and what it was. It is absolutely necessary for you to know, individually, where you are being led by your blind guides. You started out in good faith, honestly wishing to go in the old Protestant paths trodden by the feet of the martyr-pioneers in the Reformation. Call a halt! stand in the way; "see" where you are being led; examine the trail; take note that you are *not* in the old beaten path hallowed by nearly nineteen centuries of journeyings. Blandishments, force, torture, death, failed to draw or drag the children of our Lord away from this old gospel path in the days of the Apostles. The same efforts failed in the days when the Church of England was born (in the days of the Reformation). Now a new course is being pursued, and enticing plausibility is leading old-time Protestant Episcopalians away to Rome, away to the arms of the treacherous.