

NOTABLE QUOTES OF CHARLES H. SPURGEON ~ PART 4 ~

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Dear Reader,

This is the fourth compilation of Brother Spurgeon's quotes from my work of modernizing his sermons. All of these quotes are found in volumes [54-58](#) of his work. Thus I identify them by the year and sermon number.

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My prayer for you and yours is Paul's to the Ephesians in 3:17-19.

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“God’s blessing is the richest gift which His creatures can receive. To be deprived of it is their greatest calamity!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3073

“One man’s fall should be another’s warning. Do you see your brother’s foot trip against a stone? Then take care how you go along that way. Do you see him yield to temptation? Then mind that your ears are closed against that which fascinated him and turned him aside from the right path. Wherein you see that he failed in anything, set a double guard upon yourself just there—and ask God to give you Grace to keep you with special keeping in that particular point which was his weakness and which may, unknown to yourself, be also your own!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3074

“...it is most important for us to learn that the smallest trifles are as much arranged by the God of Providence as the most startling events. He who counts the stars has also numbered the hairs of our heads. Our lives and deaths are predestined, but so, also, are our sitting down and our rising up.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3075

“As his exaltation does not come from the world, so neither does his depression, if he lives near to God. So it is not *trouble* that troubles saints—it is something far worse than that.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3076

“THERE may be some few extraordinary cases ‘where ignorance is bliss’ and where ‘tis folly to be wise.’ But for the most part, ignorance is the mother of misery—and if we had more knowledge, we would find it a tower of strength against many fears and alarms which beget sadness and sorrows in dark untutored minds. —Volume 54, Sermon #3077

“This was the glory of our Protestant ancestors in the days of Queen Mary. They went joyfully to Smithfield to be burnt for the sake of Christ and, as one of the pastors significantly said, ‘The young people went to see the others burn—and to learn the way when it should come to their turn.’ They did learn the way, too, to stand there, not consulting with flesh and blood, but being ready to be burned to ashes rather than worship the beast, or receive his mark in their foreheads! This is still the spirit that animates true faith. God’s command is her sufficient warrant. She consults not with flesh and blood.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3078

“There are no unowned men. We are, every one of us, either ranked under the banner of Prince Immanuel, to serve Him and fight His battles, or else beneath the Black Prince, Satan—enrolled to do evil and to perish in our sins! It is a very proper question, then, to ask of every man and woman, ‘To whom do you belong?’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3079

“It was the fear of man that caused Pilate’s name to become infamous in the history of the world and of the Church of God, and it will be infamous to all eternity. The fear of man led him to slay the Savior! Take care that it does not lead you to do something of the same kind.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3080

“Imagination’s utmost stretch cannot conceive of anything more gracious—and the contemplation of the most devoted Christian cannot think of any words more majestic in goodness, more tender in sympathy, more full of honey and more luscious in their sweetness than the gracious words that proceeded out of the lips of Jesus Christ!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3081

“The child Samuel was consecrated to God from his earliest days. His mother gave him to the Lord and He, Himself, confirmed the consecration. Happy is the child who is God’s child and who can say as truly as Paul said, ‘For to me to live is Christ. Such Grace is seen even in children—may it be seen in all the children of all the familiar connected with this Church!’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3082

“If I cannot bend the knees of my body because I am so weak, my prayers from my bed shall be on *their* knees—my heart shall be on its knees and pray as acceptably as before. . . . If we are so faint that we can only lie still and breathe, let every breath be a prayer!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3083

“God grant that they who preach Free Grace Doctrines may never get out of the habit of doing so! And may those who have almost forgotten the sound of the word, Grace—and those who never knew the music of it—be made to lose their way until they ramble into the blessed neighborhood of the Sovereign Grace of God, for I am sure that nothing but the Gospel of the Grace of God will ever drive Popery out of this country! The only antagonist that can ever overcome the self-righteousness and priestcraft of Romanism and Ritualism is a clear, bald, outspoken declaration of the great Truth of God that by the Grace of God the saints of God are what they are!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3084

“What a hopeful sign it would be even if people were excited *against* religion! Really, I would sooner that they intelligently hated it than that they were stolidly indifferent to it. A man who has enough thought about him to oppose the Truth of God is a more hopeful subject than the man who does not think at all.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3085

“The invitations of the Gospel are invitations to happiness. In delivering God’s message, we do not ask men to come to a funeral, but to a wedding feast!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3086

“The preservation of the Truth of God in our midst is owing to the direct and immediate interposition of the Almighty. And mark it well, the inward witness of the Truth in the heart of every individual Believer is an instance and evidence of the same unceasing care, inasmuch as only He can apply it to the conscience with quickening power.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3087

“Dear friend’s, let us exult in this relationship between Christ and His people! We are as weak and foolish and as full of needs as sheep can be, but we have a Shepherd who perfectly understands us, who so loves us that He will preserve to the end even the very least among us!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3088

“No preaching or teaching can equal that which is experimental. If we would impress the Gospel upon others, we must have first received it ourselves. Vainly do you attempt to guide a child in the pathway which you have never trodden, or to speak to adults of benefits of Divine Grace which you have never enjoyed. Happy is that preacher who can truly say he speaks what he does know and testifies what he has seen.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3089

“If you do not love the Bible, you certainly do not love the God who gave it to us—but if you do love God, I am certain that no other book in all the world will be comparable, in your mind, to God’s own Book. Where God’s handwriting is most plainly to be seen, there God’s servants will at once turn their eyes. When God speaks, it is the delight of our ears to hear what He says.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3090

“You are no Christian if you do not pray. A prayerless soul is a Christless soul. You have no inheritance among the people of God if you have never struggled with that Covenant Angel and come off the conqueror. Prayer is the indispensable mark of the true child of God.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3091

“Never was there anywhere else such poverty as the poverty of Christ, for it was not merely external, it was also internal. He became so poor, through bearing our sin, that He had to lose the light of His Father’s Countenance, emptying Himself of all the repute He had. He became a spectacle of scorn and shame because our shameful sin had been laid upon Him.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3092

“Whatever may happen to denominations, whatever divisions we may live to see, let it still be known that for God and His Truth we are prepared to hold our ground at any expense or at any risk.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3093

“The more of Scripture, yes, of the very words of Scripture that we can use in preaching, the better and, certainly, the more of such thing as can begin with, ‘Thus says the Lord.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3094

“THE subject which I have chosen for this morning and which may God the Holy Spirit bless to us, is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the way of salvation. Nothing can be of more importance than this subject and, therefore, nothing will more thoroughly interest a company of practical businessmen.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3095

“If I must have a religious enemy, let me have a professed and avowed bigot, but not one of your ‘free thinkers’ or broad churchmen, as they are called, for there is nobody who can hate as they do!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3098

“If the issuing of the Law of God was specially solemn because ‘Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire,’ I venture to say that the giving of this plain, positive command, ‘This do in remembrance of Me,’ is none the less solemn because it was given by ‘the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed.’ What other night, in the world’s history, can be more august and more solemn to Him and to us as Believers in Him, than that night when He went, with His disciples, for the last time, to Gethsemane? My Lord, as this command was given by You at such a special time, how dare I neglect it if I am indeed Your disciple? Let none of us who believe in Jesus, live in habitual disobedience to this command of His!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3099

“Here are three things which are, throughout all time, even till the dawning of eternity, always to be bestowed on Christ! The first is *the gift of property*—the gold of Sheba. The second is *the gift of prayer* and the third is *the gift of praise*.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3100

“Our other faculties may go to sleep if they will, but when our faith swoons and our confidence staggers, things go very hard with us. Do not, however, my Brothers and Sisters, when in such a state, write yourself down as a hypocrite, for many of the most valiant soldiers of the Cross know by personal experience what this dark sensation means.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3101

“Out of all our Savior’s names—and they are all precious to us and, at certain times each one has its own peculiar charm—there is not one which rings with such sweet music as this blessed name, ‘Jesus.’ I suppose the reason of this is that it answers to our own name, the name of sinner.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3102

“A family is not born a Church and the little ones born into the family are not born into the Church. They must be born-again before they can be members of the Church—there must have been the work of the Spirit of God in the hearts of the members of the family before they can form a Church in the house.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“There are some people who cannot comfort others, even though they try to do so, because they never had any troubles themselves. It is a difficult thing for a man who has had a life of uninterrupted prosperity to sympathize with another whose path has been exceedingly rough.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3104

“The anger of God towards Believers in Jesus is forever appeased! They are so perfect, in the righteousness of Christ, that He sees no spot of sin in them.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3105

“Nothing can be more horrible, out of Hell, than to have an awakened conscience, but not to have a reconciled God—to see sin, yet not to see the Savior—to behold the deadly disease in all its loathsomeness, but not to trust the Good Physician and so to have no hope of ever being healed of our malady! Of all the miseries that can be endured in this life, this is one of the greatest.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3106

“We shall now ask you in contemplation to gaze upon the first celebration of the Lord’s Supper. You perceive at once that there was no ‘altar’ in that large upper room. There was a *table*. A table with bread and wine upon it, but no altar! And Jesus did not *kneel*—there is no sign of that—He sat down. I doubt not, after the Oriental mode of sitting, that is to say by a partial reclining, He sat down with His Apostles. Now, He who ordained this Supper knew how it ought to be observed. And as the first celebration of it was the model for all others, we may be assured that the right way of coming to this Communion is to assemble around a *table*—and to sit or recline while we eat and drink together of bread and wine in remembrance of our Lord!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3107

“The man who is not often lifted up with joy, nor often depressed in spirit through grief—who walks through the world in a calm and quiet atmosphere, bearing about with him a holy complacency, a calm serenity and an almost uniformity—that man is a happy man! He who journeys along without mounting up as an eagle, or without diving down into the depths of the sea—he who keeps along the even tenor of his way to his death is entitled to the name of a happy man.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3108

“Our present actions are not trifles, for they will decide our everlasting destiny. Everything we do is, to some extent, a sowing of which eternity will be the reaping.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3109

“A desire to depart, when it arises from wisdom and knowledge, and from a general survey of things below, is very proper. But when a wish to die is merely the result of passion, a sort of quarreling with God as a child sometimes quarrels with its parents, it has more of folly in it than of wisdom and much more of petulance than of piety!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3110

“Beware, my dear Hearers, first, of ever *giving up spiritual benefits for anything that is carnal*, or bartering eternal blessings for anything temporal. Esau came in from the chase hungry and faint. Jacob’s mess of red pottage smelt delicious to him and when he begged for it as a starving man craves food, his crafty brother sold it to him in exchange for his birthright as Isaac’s elder son. Esau’s sin consisted in his willingness to sell the Covenant blessing at such a price as that—yet have many nowadays are selling their souls just as cheaply as Esau sold his birthright!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3111

“Believers are getting to be rather scarce nowadays. Doubters have the sway—they are the men who claim to possess all the wisdom of the period. There is scarcely a single historical fact but what is now doubted. I fancy that the very existence of the human race must be a matter of question with some persons. I believe some imagine that not even they, themselves, are actually existent—certain ideas of themselves exist, but not themselves!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3112

“And, alas, there are some who are ‘appointed to death’ in a far worse sense than that for ‘to die is gain’ to us who are believers in Christ, but the ungodly feel that they are ‘appointed to death’ in a much more terrible meaning of the word, ‘death!’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3113

“There are some persons who talk about God changing His purpose—such people do not know what God is at all. How could God change!? God must either change from a better to a worse, or from a worse to a better. If he could change from a worse to a better, He is not perfect now. And if He could change from what He is to something worse, He would not be perfect then—and He would not be God.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3114

“The power that is to fight and overcome sin is never described in the Word of God as the natural goodness of human nature.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3115

“We have so little time to live, let us live like dying men! A certain lady, staying in the parish of that devoted minister, Mr. Cecil, was asked by him to undertake some particular work. She answered him, ‘My dear Sir, I should be very glad to do it but I am not certain of being in the parish more than three months.’ ‘Ah,’ he said, ‘I am not certain of being in the parish three hours, and yet I go on with my duty and I pray you, Madam, to go on with yours.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3116

“The eyesight of faith produces, in the man who possesses it, a calm and quiet frame of mind.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3117

“Peter was *in prison*. It was a most unlikely thing that he should come forth from Herod’s jail, but it is a far more unlikely thing that sinners should be set free from the dungeons of sin! For the iron gate which opened into the city to turn upon its hinges of its own accord was amazing, but for a sinful heart to loathe its sin is stranger by far!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3118

“And if fallen man is unlike God, man further debased by gross sin becomes not merely unlike God, but the very opposite of God, so that you may sooner learn, from a man who has degraded himself by vice, what God is *not* than what God is!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3119

“Would you, my Brothers and Sisters, have like faith [as that of Moses]? Then walk in the same path! Be much in secret prayer. Hold constant fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ, and so shall you soar aloft on wings of confidence! And so shall you also open your mouth wide and have it filled with Divine favors! And if you do not offer the same request, yet you may have equal faith to that which bade Moses say, ‘I beseech You, show me Your Glory.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3120

“My text belongs to the absolute necessities—this is a Truth of God that cannot be put aside! ‘You must be born-again.’ If you are ever to enter the Kingdom of God, or even to see it—if you are ever to be reconciled to the God whom you have so greatly offended—‘You must be born-again.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3121

“There are some who are bent on taking away the Word of God. Well, if *they* discard it, “Give it to *me*.” There are some who want to put it up on the self, as a thing that has seen its best days. *They* suppose the old sword is rusty and worn out, but *we* can say, ‘There is none like that; give it to me!’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3122

“To this day, when Substitution is preached, and the blood of Atonement, and salvation by simple faith in Jesus, and not by ‘sacraments’ and priests and good works, men foam at the mouth with rage, for they still hate the Christ, the only Savior of the sons of men!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3123

“These Sabbath mornings and these Sabbath evenings the crowds come pouring in like a mighty ocean, filling this House of Prayer, and then they all retire again. Only here and there is a ‘somebody’ left weeping for sin, a ‘somebody’ left rejoicing in Christ, a ‘somebody’ who can say, ‘I have touched the hem of His garment and I have been made whole.’ The whole of my other hearers are not worth the ‘somebodies.’ The many of you are not worth the few, for the many are the pebbles and the few are the diamonds! The many are the heaps of husks and the few are the precious grains! May God find them out at this hour and His shall be all the praise!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3124

“The Apostle James asks, ‘What is your life?’ and, thanks to Inspiration, we are at no great difficulty to give the reply, for Scripture, being the best interpreter of Scripture, supplies us with many very excellent answers.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3126

“No study in Scripture is more interesting or profitable to the Christian than the Revelation which is given to us concerning the Sacred Trinity and the various parts which the Divine Persons take in the work of our salvation.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3127

“Often, when a Believer groans in prayer and cannot pray, he has offered the best prayer.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3128

“It is a sorrowful matter that our Beloved Brothers and Sisters should be taken from us. We were not more but less than men if we did not sorrow. Jesus wept and by that act He sanctified our tears. It is not wrong, it is not unmanly—much less is it sinful for us to drop the tear of sorrow over the departed—yet let us help to wipe those tears away with a handkerchief of sacred consolations.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3129

“That is not an ill memory with which to come to our Lord’s Table—with our eyes full of the tears of repentance for our past sin, yet rejoicing that we are now washed and cleansed, although once we were defiled and altogether unfit to occupy the children’s place!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3130

“Christ has returned with dyed garments from Bozrah. He has trodden the winepress of God’s wrath and I may almost say that the blood which stains His apparel is the blood of your sins which He has utterly destroyed forever. Look at their number. Take all the years of your life and make each year a heap. Divide them, if you will, into groups and classes—put them under the heads of the Ten Commandments and there they lie, in ten great heaps, but every one of them destroyed!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3131

“‘Do you believe on the Son of God?’ Get hold of a man and do not let him go until you have put to him this personal question! Sunday school teachers should do this to each child in their classes—perhaps their work just needs that finishing stroke to make it effective. Parents especially should do this with every boy and girl in their family. It should be close personal work with each one. Teaching may be general but it should always be followed by a personal catechizing of those who have been taught.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3132

“I marvel at the condescension of Jesus Christ, that His people’s names are always on His lips. When we consider that notwithstanding all His exceeding Grace and affection towards them, they transgress and rebel, it appears amazing that He should mention their names, or that He should regard their persons!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3133

“But without the Spirit of God, the materialism of this world would have remained forever in chaos. Only as the Spirit came did the work of Creation begin.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3134

“Jesus wept over Jerusalem because it would not be saved, but Jesus rejoices greatly over sinners who repent! This is His joy and His crown of rejoicing—even you poor tremblers who come and look to Him upon the Cross and find life in His death, and healing in His wounds.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3135

“There is scarcely any position in life that can be said to minister to growth in Grace. How few heads encircled by a crown have ever been dedicated to God and how seldom have the beggar’s rags covered the body of a truly gracious man! Everywhere it is a cold world in which we live—and we are cold subjects in a cold world.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3136

“The greatest enemy to human souls—I think I am not wrong in saying this—is the self-righteous spirit which makes men look to themselves for salvation.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3137

“See that old chair into which the soldiers have thrust Him so that He may be seated upon a mockery of a throne? See, above all, that crown upon His head. It has rubies in it, but the rubies are composed of His own blood, forced from His blessed temples by the cruel thorns! Look, they pay

Him homage, but the homage is their own filthy spit which runs down His cheeks. They bow the knee before Him, but it is only in mockery. They salute Him with the cry, "Hail, King of the Jews!" but it is done in scorn. Was there ever grief like His?"—Volume 55, Sermon #3138

"I believe in the restoration of the Jews to their own land in the last days. I am a firm believer in the gathering in of the Jews at a future time. Before Jesus Christ shall again come upon this earth, the Jews shall be permitted to go to their Beloved Palestine."—Volume 55, Sermon #3139

"The shame of our weakness... is a very humiliating subject, but it is one that should never be far from our thoughts, for we shall never realize to the fullest, the glory of the strength which comes from God until we are deeply conscious of the shame of the weakness which is in our nature as the result of the Fall and of our own sin."—Volume 55, Sermon #3140

"Sinner, do you want a portion in Heaven? Go straight away to Jesus and Jesus will take your cause and lay it before the Lord! It is a very sorry one as it stands by itself, but He has such a sweet way of so mixing Himself up with you and yourself with Him, that His cause and your cause will be one cause—and the Father will give Him good success—and give you good success too!"—Volume 55, Sermon #3141

"One of the most deplorable things that could ever happen to a man would be for him to be allowed to dwell comfortably in a refuge of lies until the storm of Divine Judgment should sweep both himself and his refuge away forever! Dear Hearer, may I ask whether your work is a self-righteous one, whether you are trying to save yourself?"—Volume 55, Sermon #3142

"Let a man know that his sins are forgiven him for Christ's name's sake, that he is reconciled to God by the death of His Son and that between him and God there is no ground of difference—and what a joyful pilgrim he becomes!"—Volume 55, Sermon #3143

"There are two churches in the world today. The one is the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ composed of believers in Him who worship God in spirit and in truth, whose creed is the Word of God and whose power for life and service is the indwelling Spirit of God."—Volume 55, Sermon #3144

"If our hearts and minds were as they should be, faith in God would be a matter of course! And even now, imperfect as we are, it ought to need a crushing argument to persuade us to entertain the slightest doubt of God. It is most of all surprising that God's children should ever doubt Him—especially those who have been so highly favored as some of us have been. Let preacher and hearer be amazed that we should ever dare to say that we find faith in God to be difficult. It is a grievous imputation upon God when we talk about faith as difficult!"—Volume 55, Sermon #3145

"Even when we speak of tens of thousands converted, what are they in comparison with the millions all around us in this vast city? When God gives us an increase of a hundred or a 120 in a month, we are glad and thankful, but large as those numbers are, what are they compared with the perishing myriads of London alone? Why should we not have 3,000 converts in a day as on the day of Pentecost?"—Volume 55, Sermon #3146

"I would not lay too much stress on the Church of God, but I venture to ask you, is it not written that she is "the pillar and ground of the Truth?" If, then, I withhold my confession of faith and my personal communion with the visible Church, I to that extent weaken the pillar and ground of the faith. We need confessions of faith as well as conversions."—Volume 55, Sermon #3147

"When an ambassador comes upon the stage of action, it is evident that war is not to be waged to the bitter end. But observe that the ambassador is not an ambassador from man to God, but an ambassador from God to man! 'We are ambassadors'—not for *you*, but 'for Christ.'"—Volume 55, Sermon #3148

"All men are more or less given to boasting but it seems to be especially characteristic of Englishmen and Americans. Well, there is a right way of boasting. If you can truly say, 'My soul shall make her boast in the Lord,' you may boast away as much as you like!"—Volume 55, Sermon #3149

"There are some persons who seem to think more of the New Testament than they do of the Old Testament. I have met with Christians in Germany with whom it has been quite a superstition that the Evangelists were superior to the Apostles and that the Apostles were superior to the Prophets. I trust that such notions as those will never spread among us!"—Volume 55, Sermon #3150

"There are some communities of men among us—and they seem to be multiplying—who turn the Communion Table into an altar and convert the bread and wine, which are but a memorial, into the semblance of a sacrifice. I will only say that into their secret may we never enter and with their confederacy may we never be united, for their table is the table of idolatry, and their altar is little better than a sacrifice unto devils! Such offerings cannot be acceptable unto God, for those who observe them turn aside altogether from the simplicity of the Truth of God unto the calistic devices of Antichrist."—Volume 55, Sermon #3151

“Righteous judgment must not be according to man’s whim or fancy, but according to the supreme Law of God—and the verdict of conscience is worth nothing unless it is so formed.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3152

“Better to be in a jail with the Lord than to be in Heaven without Him! The harps above could make no heavenly place without Jesus—and Jesus being there, the clanking fetters and the cold floor of the stony cell could not suggest a sorrow.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3153

“Every moment that an unconverted man is out of Hell, God is manifesting towards him the riches of His forbearance. And it is no small strain upon Divine Mercy when men continue to sin notwithstanding this forbearance.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3154

“Do not fall into the mistake of supposing that the opening verses of the Sermon on the Mount set forth how we are to be saved, or you may cause your soul to stumble. You will find the fullest light upon that matter in other parts of our Lord’s teaching, but here He discourses upon the question, ‘*Who* are the saved?’ or, ‘What are the marks and evidences of a work of Grace in the soul?’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3155

“The utmost the Law can accomplish for our fallen humanity is to lay bare our spiritual poverty and convince us of it. It cannot by any possibility enrich a man—its greatest service is to tear him away from his fancied wealth of self-righteousness, show him his overwhelming indebtedness to God and bow him to the earth in self-despair.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3156

“It is said that he hungers and thirsts after righteousness—a double description of his ardent desire for it. Surely it would have been enough for the man to hunger for it, but he thirsts as well. All the appetites, desires and cravings of his spiritual nature go out towards what he wants above everything else, namely, righteousness. He feels that he has not attained to it himself and, therefore, he hungers and thirsts for it. And he also laments that others have not attained to it and, therefore, he hungers and thirsts for them—that they too may have it.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3157

“We would greatly err if we should say that we must be merciful in order to obtain mercy and that we must only hope to get the mercy of God through first of all being merciful ourselves. Now, in order to put aside any such legal notion—which would be clean contrary to the entire current of Scripture and directly opposed to the fundamental Doctrine of Justification by Faith in Christ—I ask you to notice that these persons are already blessed and have obtained mercy! Long before they became merciful, God was merciful to them. And before the full promise was given them, as in our text, that they should obtain yet further mercy, they had already obtained the great mercy of a renewed heart which had made them merciful! That is clear from the context of the text.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3158

“IT was a peculiarity of the great Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, that His teaching was continually aimed at the hearts of men. Other teachers had been content with outward moral reformation, but He sought the source of all the evil, that He might cleanse the spring from which all sinful thoughts, words and actions come.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3159

“Tomorrow! Oh, you cursed word, tomorrow! How has man made you cursed! I find you not in the almanac of the wise—you are only in the calendar of fools. Tomorrow! There is no such thing except in dreamland, for when that comes which we *call* tomorrow it will be *today*—and still forever, *today, today, today*. There is no time but that which is. Time was, is not and time to come is not.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3160

“I attribute the preponderance of the word, ‘know,’ which constitutes itself an idiom in the Epistle, [1 John] to the fact that the expressions of the Master had been treasured up by the servant.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3161

“There is many a sinner that I have met with (and I know the feeling myself) who would be glad if death could end it and if that were all. But ‘there is the dread of something after death’—that wrath to come of which the Word of God speaks in such solemn tones—that fire that never shall be quenched, that worm that dies not—it is that which haunts the sinner’s conscience when he is once awakened to know his condition! And horrible as the story was in Samaria, it is not worse than the horrible fate that awaits every man who lives and dies unsaved! —Volume 55, Sermon #3162

“The choicest fruits are generally the hardest to grow—and the most spiritual engagements are the most difficult for us to manage. Beloved, we ought to have an eye to this! We ought to take care that we do not neglect these merely external things which are good enough in themselves, these outward attending to ordinances, a sermon, and so on—but we ought also to take care that while we remember these in their proper places, we do not let these things crowd out better things, but see to it that we get to Christ and enjoy living, personal fellowship with Him!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3163

“If *you can revenge yourself*, DON’T. If you could do it as easily as open your hand, keep it shut! If one bitter word could end the argument, ask for Divine Grace to spare that bitter word.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3164

“I know some Christians who are of a very ‘retiring’ disposition—I believe that is their favorite word. I fear the Truth of God would say they are cowardly and, therefore, they are silent when their witness should be borne. They are willing enough to bear testimony when thousands are doing the same and they can shout, ‘Hosanna,’ when all the streets are ringing with it—but not so many are prepared to witness for Christ when the hoarse cry of, ‘Crucify Him! Crucify Him!’ is heard on every side.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3165

“Oh, that men were candid toward the Gospel of Jesus Christ! But the mass of men are prejudiced—prejudiced against the Savior and against their own salvation. Men sit and make up their minds what the Gospel ought to be, and then they do not come to hear what it is but to judge what is preached by their own preconceived notions.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3166

“I suppose every Christian here knows, as a matter of theory, that he is a Christian soldier and that he has been enlisted under the banner of the Cross to fight against the powers of darkness until he wins the victory... We are all soldiers—we know that—but still, too many Christians act as if they could be the friends of the world and the friends of God at the same time.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3167

“It appeared a little mistake that Moses made when he struck the rock instead of speaking to it, and yet he could not enter into the promised rest because of his offense. A small action may involve a great principle and it is for us to be very cautious and careful, searching out what the Master’s will is, and then never halting or hesitating for any reason whatever, but doing His will as soon as we know it. Christian life should be a mosaic of minute obedience. The soldiers of Christ should be famous for their exact discipline.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3168

“We ought not to say that we hope to reach Canaan’s peaceful shore, by-and-by—we are on it now! If we have truly believed in Jesus, our condition is rightly typified by the Israelites in Canaan who had obtained their inheritance, for Jesus has obtained His inheritance and God ‘has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3169

“It is true that God’s people are a tried people, but it is equally true that God’s Grace is equal to their trials! It is quite true that through much tribulation they enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but then they *do* enter, and the thought of the Kingdom that is coming sustains them in their present tribulation!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3170

“You may not know them and they may not be among the great ones of this world, but there are many who are crying day and night unto God for the preservation and the spread of His Truth! There are eyes that are weeping over sin and there are hearts that are near unto breaking for the longing that they have for the coming of the Redeemer’s Kingdom.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3171

“And oh, poor troubled Soul, you see nothing and you know but little until Christ comes to you! But if He shall arise upon you as the Sun of Righteousness, you shall know all that you need to know and perceive everything that is delightful and comforting—and so your heart shall be glad!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3172

“There are some precious experiences to which you have not yet attained, some lofty heights to which you have not yet climbed, but you ‘have received Christ Jesus the Lord.’ That is the distinguishing mark of all true Christians.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3173

“Beloved Friends, the Church of Christ needs a band of men and women full of enthusiasm who will go beyond others in devotion to the Lord Jesus. We need missionaries who will dare to die to carry the Gospel to regions beyond. We need ministers who will defy public opinion and, with flaming zeal, burn a way into men’s hearts. We need men and women who will consecrate all that they have by daring deeds of heroic self-sacrifice. Oh, that all Christians were like this, but we must at least have some!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3174

“I put up this little question in the Orphanage, for the children to read—‘What would Jesus do?’ This, if we have spiritual minds, will be one of the best guides for us when we are in difficulty as to what is the next thing for us to do. We would do good, but too many good things are present with us—which is to be first? To know the will of Jesus, and to do it, is to abide in the peace of God!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3175

“Some seek the company of the rich and the great, but it is cold comfort that any will gain from mere rank and birth. Some delight in the society of the witty, but their sparks, though they glitter for a moment, are too soon extinguished to minister comfort to mourning spirits. Some delight to associate with those who are highly esteemed among men, but surely, he is wiser who selects his companions from those who are precious in the sight of the Lord!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3176

“That blessed Doctrine of Substitution, that simple command, ‘Believe and live’—that was the glass through which my soul looked and saw God’s Salvation.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3177

“We do not read that His [Christ’s] disciples ever asked Him to teach them to *preach*, but we are told that, “as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray.””—Volume 56, Sermon #3178

“Paul held that it was consistent to expect the Lord to come quickly and yet to know that certain events must occur before He did come. That is just the condition, I think, to which a man’s mind will come if he diligently and impartially reads the Scriptures—especially the prophetic parts of them. The Lord will come in such an hour as we think not, yet there are clear indications of certain things which are to happen before He does come.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3179

“There will never be any mighty work come *from* us unless there is first a mighty work *in* us—no man truly labors for souls unless the Holy Spirit has first worked mightily in him.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3180

“It is not recorded that His disciples ever said to Him, ‘Lord, teach us how to preach,’ but at least one of them was so struck with His prayers that he said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3181

“No one begins to live the life of faith who has not also begun to pray—and as prayer is necessary at the commencement of the Christian career, so is it necessary all through. A Christian’s vigor, happiness, growth and usefulness all depend upon prayer.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3182

“There must be an intention on God’s part for us to live in a future state or else He would, out of mere benevolence, have left us ignorant of the fact of death. If He had not meant our souls to begin to prepare for another and a better existence, He would have kept us ignorant, even, of the fact that this one will pass away.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3183

“It would be the most terrible disappointment of all if our expectations concerning our souls should not be realized! It would be painful to the last degree to discover, upon our dying bed, that the good we had looked for had not come—to find that we had built our house upon the sand and that when we most needed its shelter, it was swept away!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3184

“With all our faults, imperfections and frailties, the Lord, who knows all things, knows that we do love Him. Sometimes, Brothers and Sisters, it is not easy to know whether we do love Christ, or not. I have heard many remarks about the hymn containing that line—

‘Do I love the Lord, or no?’

but I believe that every honest Christian sometimes asks that question and I think one good way of getting it answered is to go and hear a faithful minister.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3185

“We may pray to God when engaged in any occupation if it is a lawful one. And if it is not, we have no business to be in it. If there is anything we do over which we cannot pray, we ought never to dare to do it again. And if there is any occupation concerning which we have to say, ‘We could not pray while engaged in it,’ it is clear that the occupation is a wrong one.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3186

“The Church of God greatly needs not foolish confidence in herself, which would lead her to be Quixotic, but simple confidence in God which would enable her to be Apostolic, for she would go forth believing that God would be with her and great things would be accomplished by her!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3187

“Nothing can make Christ’s service sweet except love to Him—His service appears hardest to those who have hard hearts—and just as men grow right and true, they find the Lord’s yoke to be easy and His burden light. Judging Christianity from the outside, it will always seem to unregenerate men a very strict Puritanical system. But judging it from the inside, when the heart is renewed and the soul is charmed with the blessed Person of their Divine Redeemer, we love our Lord’s service and find intense delight in it.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3188

“When you have learned the Truth of God from the Scriptures, be dogmatic about it! Do not be afraid of the presumption of which venue will accuse you, or the bigotry which they will impute to you.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3189

“I do not think that this great conflict arose through our dear Master’s fear of death, nor through His fear of the physical pain and all the ignominy and shame that He was so soon to endure. But, surely, the agony in Gethsemane was part of the great burden that was already resting upon Him as His people’s Substitute—it was this that pressed His spirit down even into the dust of death. He was to bear the full weight of it upon the Cross, but I feel persuaded that the passion began in Gethsemane.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3190

“PAUL’S mode of preaching, as illustrated by this chapter, [Acts 13] was first of all to appeal to the understanding with a clear exposition of doctrinal Truths of God and then to impress those Truths upon the emotions of his hearers with earnest and forcible exhortations. This is an excellent model for revivalists. They must not give exhortation without Doctrine, for if so, they will be like men who are content with burning powder in their guns, but have omitted the shot! It is the Doctrine we preach, the Truth we deliver which God will make a power to bless men.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3191

“I must confess that, to me, it seems an instance both of the utter depravity of human nature and of the absolute insanity to which sin has driven mankind, that there are still so many persons existing in what we call this enlightened age who actually believe that we can eat the flesh of Christ

and drink His blood! This is a cannibal notion which only needs to be mentioned to be denounced. Instead of having anything sacred about it, such teaching is utterly detestable—it is inconceivably idiotic and blasphemous! Idiocy and blasphemy seem to be blended together in it in about equal proportions. It is strange that such blessed words from such blessed lips should have been so shamefully misunderstood and misrepresented.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3192

“Blessed is he who can this day cast in his lot with the Son of David and share His reproach, for the day shall come when the Master’s Glory shall be reflected upon all His followers!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3193

“The people of God are here [Isa 51:1] described as those “that follow after righteousness.” That is the direction in which their life generally flows. They are not perfect, but they want to be. They do not love that which is unrighteous, but they desire to be right in all things both before God and before men. They are also said to be those “that seek the Lord,” that is to say, they are those who could not live without seeking the Lord in prayer, or in public or private worship. Their great object in life is to glorify God, to make Him famous among the sons of men—and they desire to devote all their time, talents and powers of every kind to His service and honor.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3194

“Many have I met with—I may say that I meet with such people every week—*who are afraid that they are hypocrites*. When I encounter persons troubled with this fear, I cannot help smiling at them, for if they really were hypocrites, they would not be afraid of it and their fear of presumption argues very strongly that they are not living in it!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3195

“The Grace of God was within him [Noah] and became the source and wellspring from which flowed the righteousness for which he was so remarkable. Divine Grace is the root of every righteous character, so let Grace have the honor and glory of it!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3196

“I suppose he [David] had little more than the five Books of Moses, and yet as he opened that Pentateuch, which was to him complete in itself, he said, ‘How sweet are Your Words to my taste!’ If that first morsel so satisfied the Psalmist, surely this fuller and richer feast of heavenly dainties ought to be yet more gratifying to us! If, when God had but given him the first dish of the course, and that by no means the best, his soul was ravished with it, how should you and I rejoice with unspeakable joy, now that the King has brought on royal dainties and given us the Revelation of His dear Son!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3197

“As we fell through one representative, it was consistent with the principles upon which God was governing mankind that He should allow us to rise by another Representative! At first, we fell not by our own fault, so now, by Grace, we rise not by our own merit. Death by sin came to us through Adam when we were born, so did life come to us through Christ Jesus.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3198

“Surely the Lord does not create life in the regenerated soul without providing stores upon which it may be nourished! Where He gives life, He gives food.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3199

“What a mercy it is for us that God does not judge us by our hasty speeches! If He can see only a spark of faith amidst the dense smoke of our unbelief, He accepts it!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3200

“The sun never shone more fairly on the Church’s brow than when she worshipped God in the catacombs of Rome, or when her disciples ‘wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented.’ In our own country, those who met in secret, perpetually pestered by informers who would bring them before the magistrate for joining in prayer and song, often said, when they got their liberty, that they wished they had the days, again, when they were gathered together in the lonely house and scarcely dared to sing loudly!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3201

“They who put man’s will first know not what they say, nor whereof they affirm, for it is not of the will of man, says the Apostle in the most peremptory and positive manner—the salvation of any soul is a display of the eternal purpose and Sovereign will of God!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3202

“As you think of His pure, immaculate Nature and perfect life—love Him as you see Him bearing the burden of sins not His own, for which He came to atone!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3203

“Our blessed Redeemer instituted that simple but sublime ordinance so that we might be kept in constant remembrance of Him. The bread is nothing but bread, yet it is the very suggestive emblem of Christ’s flesh. And it shall be well with you if, after a spiritual fashion, you shall thus eat the flesh of Christ. The wine is nothing but wine, yet it is the emblem of Christ’s blood. And they are thrice blessed who experimentally understand the meaning of Christ’s words, ‘Whoever eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, has eternal life.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3204

“In different men, sin manifests its chief power in different parts of their nature. In the case of many, sin is most apparent in their eyes. That is to say, ignorance, error and prejudice have injured their mental sight.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3205

“Point me out a man who makes a profession of religion, but who is a drunk, and I will tell him at once that his profession is a lie! Show me another who says he is a follower of Christ, although he oppresses the poor, defrauds the laborer of his wages, is a covetous man who cares only for himself and shuts up his heart of compassion from his needy brethren, and I hesitate not to ask, ‘How dwells the love of God in him?’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3206

“If there is a religion concerning which all men speak well, woe be unto it, for it cannot be the religion of Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3207

“We shall never be out of the way of temptation so long as we grow in this earthly garden! Our Lord Himself had a stern conflict with the adversary at the commencement of His ministry, for He came up from the waters of Baptism to be tempted of the devil, and at the close of that ministry, ‘His sweat was, as it were, great drops of blood falling down to the ground’ in the agony of His spirit when the powers of darkness assailed Him in Gethsemane. We must expect in our measure to be conformed to His likeness in this respect. The serpent will bruise our heel as well as our Lord’s.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3208

“I wish that the ambition of every one of my fellow creatures here assembled—and, indeed, the wide world over—were this, that they might win Christ! Oh, if they did but know His preciousness, if they did but understand how happy and how blessed He makes those to be who gain Him, they, too, would give up everything else for this one desire—that they may win Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3209

“...leads me to say that apart from afflictions, temptations and persecutions, the preaching of the Gospel is in itself a means of dividing the true followers of Christ from those who are only His disciples in name and, wherever there is a faithful, Christ-like ministry, you will find many going away from it for the very same reasons that those nominal disciples went away from Christ. ‘From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3210

“Many of you have now for years been settled in one sphere and while you will continue to fish, I trust that more and more you will remember that you now have other duties to perform—you have to feed as well as to fish, to handle the crook as well as the net. We now leave the sea wherein we were drifted to and fro, and we abide among our own flocks, standing and feeding in the strength of the Lord. We cease not to do the work of an Evangelist, but we pay special attention to the duties of the pastor, for He who once said, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the ship,’ now says to us, ‘Feed My sheep.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“Wherever we are, we must come into contact with the unseen powers either for good or evil. Go where we may, we cannot shut ourselves away from them. If we could take the wings of the morning and fly to the uttermost parts of the earth, spiritual beings would still be all around us there. Doubtless there are many invisible spirits, good or evil, in our midst at this moment, and when we go forth to our homes, or tomorrow go to our business or other duties, they will still attend us—the evil spirits seeking to lead our souls astray and the holy angels carrying out their sacred commission—to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3212

“When we get to the great fountains of the Infinite, Eternal, Immutable Love of the Father towards His chosen people, then, indeed, we come to the fountainhead of all the streams which make glad the people of God! There is not a blessing we receive but it may be traced to the eternal purpose of God! We may see, on every single benediction of the Covenant, the stamp of the eternal purpose and decree.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3213

“And have you not noticed, dear Friends, that God’s people often behave best when they are in their worst case? Usually, when they are in imminent peril, they cry to their God to deliver them, and so they soon obtain relief—but when they make trouble for themselves by a willful fretfulness of spirit—then it is that they lose their confidence in God and, instead of playing the man, they play the fool!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3214

“I do not know—how can I tell?—what is your particular trouble, but I do believe that He who appointed it, He who measured it, He who has set its bounds and will bring you to the end of it, has a gracious design in it all! Do not think that God deals roughly with His children and gives them needless pain. It grieves Him to grieve you! ‘He does not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3215

“Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Divinely-appointed Representative of all the elect—whatever He did, He did as their Covenant Head, their Sponsor, Surety and Substitute. When He made a Covenant with God on behalf of His people, they virtually made that Covenant, too.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3216

“ALL the histories of Scripture are written for our examples, but especially the story of the Israelites in the wilderness, which is given to us at a length far exceeding the value of the narrative unless it is intended for purposes of spiritual instruction, for it occupies four books of the Old Testament and those, by no means, short ones!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3217

“If we err concerning the Deity of Christ, we err everywhere! The Gospel that does not reveal a Divine Savior is no Gospel at all—it is like a ship without a rudder—the first contrary wind that blows shall drive it to destruction and woe be to the souls that are trusting to it!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3218

“Jacob called it, ‘Peniel—that is, ‘the face of God’—because there he had seen God face to face. O Beloved, these are things to *fee*/rather than to speak about! To see God! Blessed, indeed, are ‘the pure in heart’ when they get this benediction fulfilled in their experience and come so into union with Christ as to be able to look to God with an eye that is not blinded with fear!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3219

“For Christ to love us when we love Him is gracious on His part, but for Him to love us when we hated Him is most wondrous of all! Strange, indeed, is it that it should have been with Him, ‘a time to love’, when with us it was, ‘a time to hate.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3220

“I need, this evening, to convince you that although there are still many sinners who seem to have no room for Christ in their hearts and lives, yet there is plenty of room for sinners in the heart and love of Christ! And I am going to give them an earnest, tender, affectionate invitation to come to Christ while “yet there is room.””—Volume 56, Sermon #3221

“It is very likely that if I had time to explain to you, my Hearer, the fullness of your sin and the utter ruin of your natural state, you would grow angry. You would have no cause to be angry, for all that I could say would fall far short of the truth about your real condition in the sight of God! And it is most solemnly important for you to know that however high you may stand in the ranks of merely moral men, you are a lost soul and a condemned soul, so long as you remain without living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3222

“Let me repeat those words—if we have really believed in Jesus, we have, at this moment, the assurance of the perfect pardon of all our sins! And I will venture to put it as strongly as this and to say that yonder white-robed spirits before the eternal Throne of God are not more clear of the guilt of sin before the bar of Infallible Justice than was the dying thief the very moment that he turned his eye in faith to Christ upon the Cross of Calvary—or than you are if you are now trusting to the same Savior, or than I am as now depending alone upon the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3223

“Preaching is the great battering ram that is to shake the gates of Hell! Preaching is God’s chief method of winning souls unto Himself—for after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3224

“If I have not found Christ, I am in danger of death every day and of the Hell that is the everlasting prison of all unbelievers. If I have not found Christ, I am still without hope, and without God in the world—‘condemned already’—because I have not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3225

“When the Lord entrusts you with talents, my Brother, you are naturally inclined to be proud. But when you hear of another whom the Lord has honored far more, do not quarrel either with the Lord or with your Brother, but rejoice that there is someone whose Master thinks he may be trusted to a very high degree! And remember that the responsibilities of your own position are quite sufficient for you.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3226

“If it is Christ’s work ‘to make an end of sins,’ we may be quite sure that He will do it and that there will be an end of them for all who believe in Him! Therefore let our hearts dance for joy as His gracious Spirit assures us that our sins are as completely annihilated and put away as if they had never been committed!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3227

“I cannot say that I greatly admire the way in which some enthusiastic folk shout, ‘Glory!’ ‘Hallelujah!’ ‘Amen,’ and so on, in the midst of sermons and prayers. Yet I would sooner have a measure of that enthusiastic noise than have you constantly stifling your natural emotions and checking yourself from giving utterance to your heart’s truer feelings.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3228

“Christ’s own description of His mission was, ‘The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.’ I think that our royal Savior puts the saving before the ruling—and if I call Him, Prince, and deny Him the title of Savior, He will not thank me for such maimed and mutilated honors! No, God exalted Him to be a Prince and a Savior—and we must receive Him in both offices, or not at all.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3229

“When Jesus said, “‘I am the Way,’ He clearly intended to exclude all other ways, so beware lest you perish in any one of them!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3230

“Mysterious have been the workings of God’s Providence by which the mightiest monarchs and the most powerful princes have passed away so completely that they have been like the wicked man of whom David says, ‘I sought him, but he could not be found.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3232

“The fire meant here (Zech 3:2) is more awful than any flame that makes havoc of matter, and its devastations are ten thousand times more appalling! It is the *fire of sin*. It blazed in the heart of an angel and he became a devil. Its sparks fell into the bosom of mother Eve and into the heart father Adam—and Paradise was burned up and the world became a wilderness. Sin is a fire which destroys the comfort of mankind, here, and all the joy of mankind hereafter. It is a flame which yields no comfortable warmth. The sinner may dance in the light of it for a moment, but in sorrow will he have to lie down in it forever.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3233

“It is a grand thing to be able to argue with God in prayer! Faith grips the Angel of the Covenant, but it is by well-grounded arguments that we must wrestle with Him until we prevail.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3234

“We have the eyes of hope given to us and, looking across the narrow stream of death and beyond—that place where to carnal eyes hangs the curtain that shuts out the unseen—we, with these far-seeing eyes, behold the Glory which is yet to be revealed and we are blessed with the joys of hope! Let every Christian, therefore, when at any time he is downcast about the things of the present, refresh his soul with the thoughts of the future!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3235

“It was His [Christ] business to preach and He did preach. He was always preaching! ‘What?’ you say, ‘did He not work miracles?’ Yes, but His miracles were sermons—they were acted discourses, full of instruction. He preached when He was on the mountain. He equally preached when He sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house. All His actions were significant—He preached by every movement.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3237

““Heaven will be a place of many surprises, but the vision of our glorified King will astonish us forever! We shall be amazed to all eternity that such a wondrous Being as God’s eternal Son could ever have loved such worthless worms as we are—that so glorious a King could have stooped so low as to take up for Himself our nature—and then that He should have been willing to endure for our sakes the death of the Cross!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3238

“Those who expect to find the road to Heaven smooth and unobstructed will discover little in the experience of the ancient saints to support the expectation.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3239

“All Believers have some share in that Covenant made with Abraham, for he is the father of the faithful. We who believe in Jesus are of the seed of Abraham, not according to the flesh, but according to the promise, and we are pressed by a Covenant which like that made with, Abraham, is signed and sealed with blood even ‘the blood of the Everlasting Covenant.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3240

“Beloved, Christ is not a Savior merely for some things, but for *all things*. And He does not come in to help His people simply on some days under certain assaults—but under all temptations and under all trials, He comes to their rescue! Weak as you are, He can strengthen you—and fierce though the temptation may be—He can cover you from head to foot with a panoply of proof in which you shall stand right gloriously clad and be forever safe!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3241

“The Believer in Christ is always justified as far as the Law of God is concerned, but he does not always hear the proclamation of pardon in the court of conscience!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3242

“But the idea of one God, which the Lord had graciously written upon the hearts of His elect people, though it took many an age to erase the natural lines of idolatry which Nature had imprinted there—that idea of the unity of the Godhead is a treasure handed to us by the seed of Abraham! The grand Truths which were contained in type and shadow and outward ordinance, and given to the chosen people of God, exercised a far more powerful influence over the world than, perhaps, most of us have ever dreamed.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3243

“There are some who are vulnerable as soon as any little ache or pain seizes them, yet their affliction is very light compared with that of many who never know what it is to be well and strong. Even if we are called to suffer pain, let us thank God that we have not been deprived of our reason.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3244

“God has been pleased to make the bodies of His people to be the temples of the Holy Spirit. At this very moment, in every one of you who have put your trust in the Lord Jesus, Deity resides!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3245

“Yes, there is great comfort in being able truthfully to say, ‘Our Father, who are in Heaven’—and those who are really the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty find it to be their chief delight that He thinks about them and plans all that is for their present and eternal good!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3246

“You have not gone where Jesus has not gone! No, the way in which you have gone was first trodden by Him. In all your afflictions He was afflicted and, therefore we say to you, ‘Why do you doubt?’ Your trial was peculiar to you, but not to Him!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3247

“All the work of the Holy Spirit within the heart, if I were to speak upon it in detail, would only be a testimony that the Lord keeps the Covenant of His Grace which He made with us in the Person of Jesus Christ, His Son, even as He kept with Israel that ancient Covenant which He made with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3248

“The best way of demonstrating the power of Christ to save is to trust in Him and be, yourself, saved by Him—and of all those who are sure of the Divinity of our holy faith, there are none so certain as those who feel its Divine Power upon themselves!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3249

“The men of this world are not usually content with just bread to eat and raiment to put on, they are like those daughters of the horseleech that cry, ‘Give, give!’ But when spiritual things are concerned, these insatiable cravings are not so manifest. Many are content to be wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked when they might buy of Christ all spiritual blessings without money and without price!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3250

“My dear Friends, you will never see the Tree of Life aright unless you first look at the Cross. It was there that this tree gathered strength to bring forth its later fruit. It was there, we say, that Jesus Christ, by His glorious merits and His wondrous work achieved upon the Cross, obtained power to become the Redeemer of our souls and the Captain of our salvation!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3251

“We might say that all the Lord’s Prophets who came before Christ, in a certain sense, “came by water.” That is to say, they all sought the purification of the Lord’s people... It was against sin that they all lifted up their voices, yet none of them could pardon sin and no one of them ever professed to be able to do so! Of the whole of them it must be said that they came by water only, and not by blood.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3252

“No man had fairer weather than the King of Jerusalem, [King David] yet no man ever plowed his way through soil that was more deep with mire, nor through an atmosphere more loaded with tempest than did this man of many tribulations!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3253

“So you perceive that all that the Law does is to curse—it cannot bless. In all the pages of Revelation, you will find no blessings that the Law ever gave to one who had offended it. There were blessings for those who kept it completely—though none ever did—but no blessing is ever written for one offender. Blessings we find in the Gospel, curses we find in the Law.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3254

“The Romish priest professes to make men hear the voice of the Gospel by seeing, but the Scriptural way is to make men see the Truth of God by *hearing*. Faith, which is the soul’s sight, comes by hearing.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3255

“*Fallen man, whether he knows it or not, is spiritually a beggar.*”—Volume 57, Sermon #3256

“Can it be worthwhile to sin yourselves into Hell? Can there be any supposable pleasure that can ever compensate you for everlasting pain? If so, then choose the pleasures of sin for a season, but rest assured that for all these things, God will bring you into judgment!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3258

“‘God so loved the world’ is a very wide expression, but we must not make it wider than Scripture makes it, for remember how the verse goes on, ‘God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever *believes in Him* should not perish, but have everlasting life.’ Without *faith*, Christ is not ours. His blood cannot cleanse us, His life cannot quicken us. We must have faith to get at the blessings of salvation.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3259

“O my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, plead this promise, ‘I will strengthen them,’ for so shall you get your courage renewed until you, who are now timid as the deer, shall become bold as a lion!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“Shame on the preacher who does not bend the bow with all his might and throw his whole strength of spirit, soul and body into his efforts to win souls!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3262

“If you do only those duties which I stand here and write out to you so plainly that you cannot help seeing them, why, is there any great forwardness or fidelity of purpose in it? But if you go to that grand old Book and on your knees say to your Lord and Master, ‘I want to do all that I can to show how my heart loves You—teach me what You would have me do,’ this manifests a sincerity which is indisputable!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3263

“God had one Son without sin, but never a son without affliction. Let us not ask to be the first, but be content to share the position of those whose inheritance is to be ours forever in the Paradise of our God.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3264

“Faith is not a Grace of luxury but a Grace of necessity. We must have it and if we had it not, we should not be the people of God at all! The common habit of the Christian, then, is a habit of trusting. The Christian’s walk is faith and his life is faith!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3265

“Let us, for the ten-thousandth time, state our own solemn conviction that it is time for England to wake up, and solemnly rebuke the priestcraft that seems rising up in our midst! No man has any right to call himself, in any exclusive sense, a priest.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3266

“The shadow of God is not the occasional resort, but the constant abiding place of the saint. Here we find not only our consolation, but our habitation—not only a loved haunt, but a home. We ought never to be out of the shadow of God. It is to dwellers, not to visitors, that the Lord promises His protection. ‘He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3267

“Repentance is necessary, but much which is called by that name is not the true. Terrors of conscience are not repentance—though they may lead to it. And though you may never have been filled with alarm, yet if you are sorry for sin, hate sin and would be rid of it, root and branch, your repentance is genuine. The thing to be enquired of is not quantity but *quality*. For even deep repentance is not an absolutely essential to salvation.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3268

“A man may not be sure of anything outside him, for eyes and ears may deceive—but he is always pretty well assured of anything within him, for that which he perceives in his own consciousness he is very tenacious about.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3269

“IT is an old saying and possibly a true one, that every man is seeking after happiness. If it is so, then every man should read this Psalm, (Psalm 1), for this directs us where happiness is to be found in its highest degree and purest form!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“Dear Children, do not refuse to be taught by God! But on the contrary, let this be your resolve, ‘My Father, You shall be the Guide of my youth.’ Ask the Lord to teach you, for as surely as He taught David, He is willing to teach you!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3271

“IT is a wonderful proof of our Savior’s deep attachment to His people that having made their salvation sure, He is also anxious concerning their present state of mind. He wishes that His people should be not only safe, but happy—that they should not be merely saved, but that they should rejoice in His salvation!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“If we are truly humble, we shall cast our care upon God and, by that process, our joy will be exalted! We are slow to submit to the hand of God and oftentimes our care is fretful rebellion against our heavenly Father’s will. We determine to carve for ourselves, and so we cut our fingers!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3273

“It is no small mercy to have life preserved and health restored, especially if the end of life would be to us the beginning of eternal death and that our soul, when separated from the body, would have no ‘better land’ to enter, and no right to a place in the home of the blessed where sickness is unknown!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3274

“‘Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above’—nothing from human nature, nothing from mere free agency. Good and perfect gifts are flowers too rich and rare to spring up of themselves upon the dunghill of human nature.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3275

“It used to be more common than it is now for godly men and women to spend hour after hour in solemn meditation upon the agonies of Christ upon the Cross. I tried, one day when I was alone, to get a vivid realization of that awful tragedy—and I succeeded to the breaking of my own heart—but I cannot describe the scene to you. That is a matter for private meditation rather than for public speech.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3276

“Several of the blind men of Scripture are very interesting individuals. There was one of the them, you remember—the man born blind—who baffled the Pharisees by answering them with cool courage mixed with shrewdness and mother wit. Well might his parents say that he was of age, for he had all his wits about him. Blind as he had been, he could see a great deal—and when his eyes were opened, he proved beyond all dispute that his questioners deserved the name of ‘blind Pharisees’ which the Lord Jesus gave them!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3277

“He [David] had committed the horrible sin of adultery, which is so shameful a sin that we can only allude to it with bated breath. It is a sin which involves much unhappiness to others besides the ones who commit it. And it is a sin which, although the guilty ones may repent, cannot be undone. It is altogether a most foul and outrageous crime against God and man—and they who have committed it do indeed need to be washed!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3278

“What are we, my Brothers and Sisters, and what is our Father’s house? What if ten thousand of us should fall merely to fill a ditch for Him to march over? What if He took the whole of us and crushed us to the dust—if He were lifted an inch higher, it were none too costly for such an One as He is, who has redeemed us unto God by His precious blood!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3279

“The Son of God, with strong crying and tears making known His requests unto His Father, is one of the greatest marvels in all the ages! What a wondrous stoop it was that Jesus, the un sinning Son of God, the thrice-holy One, the Anointed, the Christ, for whom prayer is to be made continually, should Himself have prayed to His Father!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3280

“Practically, my business is to say to those of you who profess to be the Lord’s people, *take care that you maintain a broad wall of separation between yourselves and the world.* I do not say that you are to adopt any peculiarity of dress, or to take up some singular style of speech. Such affectation genders, sooner or later, hypocrisy.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3281

“I do not know how some professing Christians will be able to join in the supplication that slavery may be abolished, [request by Evangelical Association for “Prayer Week” in January, 1864] but we can fervently unite in it with a pure heart! May the Lord graciously hear that prayer. And if He shall hear it from the battlefields of America, we shall bless his name even for the scourge of war if that accursed slavery can be ended!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3282

“Though with the teaching of the Holy Spirit, every year’s experience will make the Christian riper, yet without that teaching it is possible that each year may make a Christian not more ripe, but more rotten.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3283

“No Doctrine in the whole Word of God has more excited the hatred of mankind than the truth of the absolute Sovereignty of God.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3284

“You are not yet in Heaven—do not dream that you are. It would be a pity for a sailor to expect the sea to be as stable as the land, for the sea will be the sea to the end and the world will be the world to you as long you are in it.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3285

“Christ tells us that *the only way to enter the Church is through Himself.* He is the door, the only door. There is no other mode of admission into His Church but through Himself. Let it be understood, then, once and for all, that *we cannot get into the Church of Christ through Baptism.*”—Volume 58, Sermon #3287

“Comrades in the Lord’s work, it is essential that we learn our own inability! It is profitable to feel that without our Lord we can do nothing—but that the Lord can do very well without us!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3289

“‘The hand of the Lord’ is also a *humbling* hand. When God lays His afflicting hand upon us, He takes away much of our fancied beauty and lets us see the ugliness of our natural deformity. We thought we were very patient until we had need of patience—and then we found what a murmuring, discontented spirit we had within us!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3290

“Every attribute of God shines in the sea although the more spiritual and precious are but dimly seen, these being reserved to be manifested in Christ Jesus the Lord, before whose feet the sea crouched in reverence!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3291

“The main weapon which Christ wielded was ‘the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3292

“What exquisite pain it must have caused our first parent—how keenly it must have touched the fine sensibilities of their nature—to have had to offer sacrifice! Probably they had never seen death until they brought their first victim to the altar of God.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3293

“Heaven is a place and state of perfect rest, yet it is not the rest of silence and stagnation! In one sense, they rest not day nor night, yet they serve God continually—and that is perfect rest!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3294

“It is a lamentable fact that some have fancied that this simple ordinance of the Lord’s Supper has a certain magical, or at least physical power about it, so that by the mere act of eating and drinking this bread and wine, men can be made partakers of the body and blood of Christ!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3295

“But our Judah-Jesus, if I may so call Him, stands before His Father’s face—and whatever our desire or our request may be, provided it is a right one—it is sure to be granted when Jesus pleads for us before the Throne of God!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3296

“You may be a nominal Christian and have the good esteem of all men, but if you are a true disciple of Jesus, obeying Him from the heart, openly avowing His cause and diligently testifying His Truth, you will meet with bitter hostility in all sorts of places and among all sorts of people! Rest

assured that until Christ comes again, it will be true that if you were of the world, the world would love its own, but because you are not of the world, but Christ has chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3297

“Whenever we mention the name of the Holy Spirit, let us do it with holy awe and reverence, remembering that it is the Spirit that quickens, it is the Spirit that instructs, it is the Spirit that sanctifies, it is the Spirit that preserves, it is the Spirit that makes us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light! So unto the ever-blessed Spirit of God as well as unto the well-beloved Son of God be Glory and honor, praise and power, forever and ever!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3298

“...Jesus died that He might deliver His people from the power of Satan. He came on purpose that He might destroy the power of sin in His people and make them so free that they should not serve sin, but become a people zealous for good works.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3299

“Be wise, my Brothers and Sisters, and let it be said of you as it was said of them of old, ‘They that feared the Lord spoke often, one to another,’ for there is comfort to be found in the society of God’s saints—let the times be ever so perilous and dark.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3300

“As all the water outside a vessel can do it no harm until it enters the vessel, itself, so outward persecutions cannot really injure the Church of God. But when the mischief oozes into the Church and the love of God’s people grows cold—ah, then the boat is in sore distress!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3301

“May the Holy Spirit graciously reveal to us the unsafe, treacherous, boggy pit that would swallow us up if we doubt that God is ‘able to do *this*’—and may He enable us to realize that it is safe walking and happy walking when we walk by faith!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3302

“Taking an enlarged view of the Law of the Lord today and holding in our hands two Testaments, both the Old and the New, what a marvelous Book the Bible is! Earth does not contain an equal wonder!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3303

“The Law, like a candle, shows me my blackness, but that same Revelation, of which the Law is only a part, also shows me the precious blood of Jesus which takes all my blackness away and makes me whiter than snow!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3304

“‘Do you understand these things?’ then, is a question which may be asked and should be asked often of every worshipper, for it is only so far as we enter into religious worship, *understanding* what we are doing, and casting our hearts into it, that it can be at all acceptable to God.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3305

“It is a sickening thought that while Christians frequently quarrel, we never hear of devils doing so. The Church of God is divided but the kingdom of darkness appears to be one.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3306

“The condition of our Grace does not always coincide with the state of our joys. We may be rich in faith and love, and yet have so low an esteem of ourselves as to be much depressed.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3307

“I do not know any theme upon which one might dilate with greater joy than that of the Omnipotent energy of God as displayed in the salvation of sinners, yet it must always be understood that we proclaim this Truth in complete harmony with the responsibility of man and his absolute free agency.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3308

“Had it not been for the salvation of men, I know not that we had ever known our Lord as the Destroyer of Death or the Overcomer of Satan and, certainty, if He had not saved the lost, I am unable to perceive what Glory there would have been in the overcoming of the world, or in the creation of all things new. The salvation of men was the prize of His life’s race—for this He girded up His loins and distanced every adversary! The salvation of the lost was ‘the joy which was set before Him,’ for the sake of which He ‘endured the Cross, despising the shame.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3309

“The great practical end of the Gospel is to bring the human heart into obedience to Christ and to make the stubborn will acknowledge allegiance to His sway.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3310

“People hang crosses round their necks and wear them as ornaments—I wonder whether they would make ornaments of gallows? Yet it means that.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3311

“But while prejudice is thus very foolish, *it is also very frequent*. There are many persons who put an extinguisher on the candle and then try to light it. For instance, in listening to a certain preacher, they make up their mind that he cannot say anything that can be beneficial to them—and then they wonder that they are not edified!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3312

“It is not enough for us to say, ‘I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, I am saved.’ That is *not* the end of it all, otherwise religion were a grand piece of selfishness!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3313

“One truly excellent man, whom we all very highly esteem, declared that when travelling up the Rhine, he did not look at the landscape because he desired to have his thoughts completely taken up with spiritual things. I cannot condemn the good man, yet I think that as I am dwelling in my Father’s House, I ought to take delight in my Father’s works—and I must be a strange sort of child if I think it is a token of my affection for my Father not to care to look at the garden which He has laid out or the House which He has built!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3314

“The joy in harvest rightly consists in part in the reward of earnest labor—may such be the joy we find in serving our Lord!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3315

“Do you not see the breakers ahead, Sinner? Are you not afraid of dying and more afraid of living? Do not the storms and trials of life drive you to desire something better than the vain world can give you? And does not the prospect of the afterlife alarm you? Then I hope that to your belabored soul Christ is the desired haven!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3316

“Now, surely it would suffice were I to sound this trumpet again and again with its celestial monotone. If you heard nothing but the same unvarying notes and did but remember them, believe them and come to God in consequence of them—there would be enough of sermon in the text without further exposition or comment. ‘He delights in mercy.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3317

“Of course the first thing the minister needs is to be taught of the Spirit, but then the question is—How does the Spirit teach? He teaches, no doubt, mainly through the Word and through our own experimental acquaintance with that Word.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3318

“We differ greatly and need differing situations in order to fruitfulness—the place which would suit one might be too trying for another. Friend, the Lord has planted you in the right spot—your station may not be the best in itself, but it is the best for you! We are in the best possible position for some present service at this moment—the Providence of God has put us on a vantage ground for our immediate duty!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3319

“I know there are some of you who belong to very strange families, where the name of God is scarcely ever mentioned, except in profanity, where Christ is not loved and where His Cross is not revered, and yet you are saved. Perhaps it was curiosity that brought you here to hear that odd man who says such strange things against the world’s popish church—or for some other reason you dropped in here and God blessed you.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3320

“To praise God without praying to Him would be impossible. To pray to God without praising Him would be ungrateful.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3321

“Where, O God, shall Jonahs be found that shall move this Nineveh? Oh, when shall it ever be that a voice shall startle the slumbering millions? When, great Lord, when, from the highest to the lowest, shall Your Gospel have some respect and get an attentive hearing from the sons of men?”—Volume 58, Sermon #3322

“When the Lord Jesus put to sea on the Galilean Lake, we read that there were with Him many other little boats—and when the calm came for His ship, they were in the calm, too. And so it is a good thing if you are not in the Church, yet to have some sort of connection with it—a great thing for the age to have the Church of God in it, for God will take care of a nation often for the sake of His people. As He would have spared Sodom had there been righteous men found in it, so does He spare nations for the sake of His saints.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3323

“Knowledge is good, but understanding is better. To know may be of little service unless we have the inner and deeper knowledge with it and understand what we know. These pastors shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3324

“The Savior’s Sacrifice is a full fountain of hope for hearts that sorrow for sin. No mourner need despond, much less despair, since God has executed the sentence of His wrath upon the Great Substitute, that He might freely accept every sinner that believes!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3325

“It has been said that he who well understands the distinction between the Covenant of Works and the Covenant of Grace is a master of divinity. I am persuaded that most of the mistakes which men make concerning the Doctrines of Scripture are based upon fundamental errors with regard to the Covenants of Law and of Grace.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3326

“Friends, if at any time the pottage should seem very sweet and we should be very hungry—if the world’s gain should be almost necessary to our livelihood and we are tempted to do an unrighteous thing to get it—let us take care, for Esau could not undo the terrible act of selling his birth-right and neither could we if we were permitted to do so!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3327

“It seems to be the theory of some theologians that none ought to have been invited but those who were sure to come. They hold, as we rejoice to hold, that there is an Election of Grace. In holding the Doctrines of Grace with a firm grasp, they do well, but they err when they teach that the invitation is to be restricted to the chosen, for here [Matt 22:8-10] it is as clear as daylight that the first invitation was given to those who never were in the Election of Grace at all!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3328

“It [Christ’s spilt blood] opened the gates of Heaven to sinners, it was sprinkled on the consciences of Believers and made sinful men to be “accepted in the Beloved” even before it had dropped in bloody sweat in Gethsemane, or had been made to flow in streams under the lash in Gabbatha, or had been poured forth from the five sacred wounds upon the Cross of Calvary!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3329

“There are some texts of Scripture that may yield their treasures of instruction, comfort, or direction after deep study and holy meditation—but there are others which are marvelously free in the giving forth of their sweetness, calling for little else than a heart that loves and longs to hear God speak!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3330

“Observe, then, that all other knowledge may be useful enough in itself, but if it does not concern Christ, it cannot be called *saving knowledge*.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3331

“How vain, then, are the boasts and professions of some persons who assert themselves to be the children of God and yet live in sin! There is no perceivable difference in their conduct—they are just what they used to be before their pretended conversion. They are not changed in their actions, even in the least degree, and yet they do most positively affirm that they are the called and living children of God! Let such know that their professions are lies, that falsehood is the only groundwork that they have for their hopes, for wherever the Grace of God is, it makes a difference!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3332

“To those who love Him, Jesus Christ becomes a savor of life unto life. To those who are rebellious and continue to despise Him, He becomes a savor of death unto death. Our Savior, then, has an influence upon all those with whom He comes in contact and association.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3333

“Christ will save you, but a part of the agreement on your part must be this, ‘You are not your own, but are bought with a price.’” If you would have Christ’s blood to redeem you, you must give yourself up to Christ—your body, your soul, your spirit, your substance, your talents, your time, your all. You must from this day be Christ’s servant, come what may.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3334

“He who can say concerning all things, ‘Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight,’ is shod for all ways and weathers, and may march on undismayed. Fully conformed to the Divine will, saints are invulnerable and invincible, ‘none shall be weary nor stumble among them, neither shall the laces of their shoes be broken.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3143

“Do not judge harshly all who are in need—no doubt there are all too many instances in which poverty is the result of idleness or drunkenness—but there are other cases in which poverty is blameless and even honorable.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3184

“You might go for 50 years to some places of worship and never hear the word, ‘elect’ ever mentioned! Modern ministers seem to be ashamed of the grand old Doctrine of Election, but it was not so with the Apostles and the early Christians! They were accustomed to speak of one another as the elect of God. The Doctrine of Election was most precious to their hearts and, therefore, Peter writes, ‘elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father’ (1 Peter 1:2).”—Volume 56, Sermon #3223

“As the minister without reading will have but little power, so will it be with Christians in general. ‘Give attendance to reading’ (1 Tim 4:13) is an exhortation which I would press upon most of you, especially those of you who have leisure and who are not called to exhausting labors which take up all your time. . . I am not, however, going to keep so closely to my text as merely to exhort you to read. I want to ask you to read God’s Word!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3318

“Sinner, I am happy in standing here as the ambassador of my King—and yet while I rejoice, I tremble lest you should reject the message that He has sent to you in the greatness of His Grace, for my King is not to be trifled with—He deals severely with those who spurn His mercy!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3284

“You and I are like Jacob. The Lord said to Him, ‘The land whereon you lie, to you will I give it.’ You have only to lie down upon a promise and you may claim it for yourself—it is yours by the Magna Charta of faith! Go to the Bible and whatever promise you find there addressed to a child of God, stretch yourself upon it and so make it your own—and it will be so!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3175

“It is not often that I can hear a sermon, but when I do, I have sometimes had seasons of very gracious refreshing to my soul. I remember one Sabbath morning listening to a man who was by no means literate. And as I listened, I felt the tears streaming down my cheeks as I realized afresh

how precious Christ was to me! And I envied the good people who could hear the Gospel preached Sabbath by Sabbath and who had not to stand up and deliver it to others—and go without spiritual food themselves.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3136

“... the highest glory of any man’s life is that he is honorable to God and useful to men. The first considerations of a saved soul should be, ‘How can I best magnify Him who has saved me? How can I be most useful to my fellow men in promoting the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ?’ We must always hold this before us, as a test when an offer comes to us—will it really be for the glory of God and the good of men?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3208

“Do not think first of the desires of your heart, but think first of delighting yourself in your God! If you have accepted Him as your Lord, He is yours, so delight in Him and then He will give you the desires of your heart.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3232

“We believe in the real, *literal substitution* of Christ in the place of all whom He had covenanted to save, and as many as believe in Him may know assuredly that their sins were transferred from them and laid upon Him!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3192

“If you would always be babes, then sit still and have this word and that put into your mouths, forms of prayer composed for your use and unintelligible creeds compiled for you to repeat! But if you would grow into men in Christ Jesus, come to the Book and keep and seek out the commands of God with full purpose of heart to obey them!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3263

“Perhaps I may have in this congregation some who have in them everything that is good except anything good towards God, Himself. How is it, now, that you can live as God’s creatures and think of everybody else but not of the God that made you?”—Volume 58, Sermon #3320

“Those whom we dearly love must be beyond suspicion as to their reciprocal affection. As to a doubt whether there is a Christ, or whether He is the Son of God, or whether He loved us and gave Himself for us, this may be indulged in by those who love not—but where love is supreme it sits in state like God upon the cherubim—and the Dagon of doubt falls down and is broken in pieces!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3161

“‘In the world you shall have tribulation’ is as sure fact as that in Christ you shall have peace!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3285

“Restrain not prayer at any time, even when the sun shines brightly upon you, but be sure that you pray when the midnight darkness surrounds your spirit. Prayer is most needed in such an hour as that, so be not slack in it, but pour out your whole soul in earnest supplication to your God and say to yourself, ‘Now above all other times I must pray with the utmost intensity.’ For consider how Jesus prayed in Gethsemane.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3190

“If you are not guilty, the Savior will not save you! If you are not a sinner, you have no part in Christ. If you can say, ‘I have kept the Law from my youth up and am not a transgressor,’ then we have no Gospel blessings to set before you.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3089

“I do not think that we can always account for the great success of one preacher and the non-success of another by anything that we can see. We have to fall back upon the Sovereignty of God and say, ‘God wills it and, therefore, it is.’ ... He exercises His power not according to *our* will, but according to His own will—we must never forget that.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3146

“We have not to preach repentance after the manner or in the nature of Moses, or Jonah, or John the Baptist—we have to preach repentance in the name of Jesus Christ. What does this mean?”—For answer, see Volume 56, Sermon #3224

“As the high priest of old blessed the people, so should those whom God has made to be priests and kings unto Himself—a privilege that pertains to all saints—exercise the function of blessing the people by desiring good things for them!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3179

“If by reading the Scriptures we were only always reminded of the Holy Spirit. If we got no other good from the Scripture, itself, except the turning of our souls to think upon that Divine and blessed One, that would be, in itself, an inestimable blessing!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3318

“A man who does not obey God’s commands may talk about righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith, but it is clear that he does not possess it, for faith works by love—and the righteousness which is by faith is proved by obedience to God. ‘Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him,’ and so proved that he was righteous before God.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3196

“Unless we put every wreath of laurel upon the King’s own head, He will speedily withdraw any power with which He entrusted us—and we shall be as weak as Samson was when the Spirit of God had departed from him.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3284

“One reason why Romanism is popular is because it allows a man to get a deputy to do his thinking for him—and to do his praying for him. But what a poor affair it is with the man who keeps his brains in somebody else’s head and carries his heart in somebody else’s bosom!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3263

“That which is down in the heart will come up into the mouth—and you may rest assured that men are fairly judged by the common current of their conversation.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3232

“Blessed are they who are enjoying the liberty wherewith Christ makes His people free and who, therefore, come boldly right up to the Throne of Grace!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3182

“As we think that the Son of God became the Son of Mary in order that He might die for us, that He might take our place, and die in our place, what can we need more to chase away our fears, to fulfill our hopes and to confirm our faith? If any of you need more than that, it is not possible for us to present it to you, or even to imagine it! What the Son of God said was finished has been finished and, therein our souls may rest, and rest forever!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3192

“A man no longer quibbles at God’s Justice when the Law once gets inside his heart—it shuts his mouth except for groans and sighs—and he has plenty of *them*.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3115

“That is the correct thing nowadays—unsectarianism! Which, being translated means—it does not signify which is which, whether it is right or wrong, it matters not one atom whether you obey God or obey man, whether you belong to a Church which is apostate from the Truth, or one that holds the Truth of God! Unsectarianism, my Friends, is treason to God and to God’s Word!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3263

“Not to pray because you do not feel fit to pray is like saying, ‘I will not take medicine because I am too ill.’ Pray for prayer! Pray yourself, by the Spirit’s assistance, into a praying frame! It is good to strike when the iron is hot, but some make cold iron hot by striking. We have sometimes eaten till we have gained an appetite, so let us pray till we pray. God will help you in the pursuit of duty, not in the neglect of it.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3083

“I quarry out the Truth when I read, but I smelt the ore and get the pure gold out of it when I meditate!...For lack of meditation the Truth of God runs by us and we miss and lose it. Our treacherous memory is like a sieve—and what we hear and what we read runs through it and leaves but little behind—and that little is often unprofitable to us by reason of our lack of diligence to get thoroughly at it. I often find it very profitable to get a text as a sweet morsel under my tongue in the morning and to keep the flavor of it, if I can, in my mouth all day!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3318

“Oh, it is a blessed thing to feel that you are living, not as a servant of man, nor of the Church, nor of a sect, or party, but of Him whose precious blood has bought you!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3174

“...for that is not acceptable prayer in which a man seeks to make his own will prevail over the will of God! That is presumption and rebellion—not the cry of a true child of God. You may beseech Him to grant your request, ‘if it is possible,’ but you may not go beyond that! You must still cry, with your Lord, ‘Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3190

“Solomon truly said, ‘He that trusts in his own heart is a fool.’ And David just as truly said, ‘But he that trusts in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.’ You need never lack Divine guidance, for you can have it by asking for it! God is willing to guide you if you will only seek His guidance. See to it, then, that you practice the text in the sense of asking counsel of God—‘Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3212

“Every Believer in the Lord Jesus is a trophy of the strength as well as of the mercy of God. It took as much Omnipotence to snatch him from the fire as it needs to make a world—and every Believer may feel that he is a brand plucked from the fire. (Zech 3:2).”—Volume 57, Sermon #3233

“This world cannot be the friend of the friend of God unless, indeed, Belial can have concord with Christ—and this we know is impossible!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3285

“No man ever comes to God except by Jesus, who is the way of salvation. There may be other channels, but this is the only navigable one. Our boats draw too much water to get to God along the shallow straits of human learning. We shall be wise to keep to the deep waters of redeeming love, for by this channel God came to us.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3321

“...just as the ravens fed Elijah, but were still unclean ravens, so you and I may be serviceable in the Lord’s cause to some extent and yet, after all, be utter strangers to the things of Christ.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3264

“I urge upon everyone who knows the Truth of God to pray daily for a deeper understanding of its innermost meaning, that he may know the marrow and fatness of the Covenant, may dig into the mines of Revelation and turn up those masses of gold which surface readers never discover!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3161

“The servants of Christ are not to preach repentance on their own authority, or even on the authority of the Church of Christ, but they are to preach it on the authority of the Church’s ascended Head!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3224

“No doubt there were many brave utterances like that historic saying of Latimer, ‘Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man! We shall this day light such a candle, by God’s Grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out.’ Surely these men had food to eat of which the poor puny professors of these days seem not to have tasted! They were made strong for suffering through partaking of this food, indeed, and drink, indeed, whereof if a man eats and drinks abundantly, he shall be fitted to perform such exploits as were worked by the heroes of faith of whom Paul wrote in his Epistle to the Hebrews.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3192

“Resignation is good, but perfect acquiescence is better, and happy—thrice happy is the man who feels it. No silver sandals were ever so precious, no covering of golden mail adorned with precious stones were so glorious to look upon as a mind molded to the Divine Will, perfectly in tune with the mind of the Lord Most High!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3143

“Albeit we are not saved by works, yet the ultimate result of salvation must always be work. The *cause* of salvation lies in Grace, but the *effect* of salvation appears in working. As sure as ever the Grace of God fills a soul, that soul desires to see others brought in.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3147

“The only salvation that can redeem from Hell is a salvation which comes from Heaven! Eternal salvation must come from an eternal God. Salvation that makes you a new creature must be the work of Him who sits upon the Throne of God and makes all things new!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3321

“Even if we do not always use the words, ‘If the Lord wills,’ ‘If God pleases,’ ‘If we are spared,’ or similar expressions, let the spirit of them always be in our mind so that we do not think and speak unconditionally concerning the unknown future!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3184

“Dear young people, take care that you start right in your Christian life by being much in prayer! A profession of faith that does not begin with prayer will end in disgrace. If you come to join the Church, but do not pray to God to uphold you in consistency of life, and to make your profession sincere, the probability is that you are already a hypocrite!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3178

“The same sun which melts wax hardens clay. The influences which tend to make some people better, make other people a great deal worse. Some of you have thus trifled with your own conscience. Should you be saved tonight, you would be brands plucked out of the fire, and may we not hope that you shall be? Will not some of us pray for it?”—Volume 57, Sermon #3233

“Whatever God gives you, be grateful for, for if too proud to take from the raven’s mouth, it will be well for you to go without until your hunger consumes your pride. God promises His people enough, but not more than enough, and even that enough may not come to us in the way we would choose.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3264

“It was the mighty power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in Him by which Jesus overcame the world—and that same quiet power, if it dwells in us, will make us win the same victory by faith.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3285

“Whatever post the Lord Jesus commits to you, take care that you hold it till He comes, or till you, yourself, are called Home to the heavenly head-quarters. Hold fast, as with a grip of steel, every Doctrine which the Lord has taught you whether others approve of it or not! Hold fast, also, and endeavor, by the aid of God’s Spirit, to put into practice every precept of the Lord. Value the practical part of Christianity as well as the doctrinal—and prize them both beyond gold. Be not of the mind of those who say of Christ’s rules, ‘These are of little consequence.’ No! Your Master’s command cannot be a trifle! And the spirit which thinks little of anything which Jesus commands is an evil spirit!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3188

“When Heaven’s gates are opened wide and the celestial sunshine comes streaming through, it falls upon the eyes that have been illuminated by the Holy Spirit—that is true spiritual communion—and the glorified spirits above do but know that bliss to the fullest in knowing God and rejoicing in the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3212

“Read the Bible as a man reads his relation’s will—to find what legacy there is in it for himself. Do with the Bible as the sick man does with the doctor’s prescription—follow it by personally doing what it bids you. Ask God not to let your Bible be another man’s Bible, but your own Bible—God’s own mouth speaking to your soul of the things which make for your peace.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3318

“Were *you*, my dear Hearer, ever pardoned by God for Christ’s sake? Then you are pardoned forever! But if not, I pray that you may repent and believe the Gospel this very hour.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3224

“O Sirs, if you want to be strong to live, or work, or suffer for Jesus, you must feed upon Jesus! It is only in the strength of this food and this drink that one can, in these days, live an honest and upright life. It is only in the force derived from this food and this drink that anyone can bear a bold and faithful testimony for Jesus. And, mark you, it is only by feeding upon such food and such drink as this that one will be able to face death with a brave countenance and look forward to the unseen world with eyes undimmed!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3192

“It is a merciful thing that God forgives drunkenness. Some of those who have wallowed in it have been saved.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3233

“What unexpected turns there have been in the lives of those who have trusted in God! You who are trusting in yourselves may help yourselves as best you can, but you who are trusting in God have ample reasons to expect that God will come to your assistance!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3183

“It is an honor to be allowed to serve Christ, but God will bestow still further honor upon those who faithfully serve Him!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3285

“A part of our Savior’s victory was that *He obtained angelic help*. Those prayers of His prevailed with His Father, ‘and there appeared an angel unto Him from Heaven, strengthening Him.’ I know not how he did it, but in some mysterious way the angel brought Him succor from on high. We do not know that angel’s name and we do not need to know it—but somewhere among the bright spirits before the Throne of God there is the angel who strengthened Christ in Gethsemane. What a high honor for him! The disciples missed the opportunity that Christ put within their reach, but the angel gladly availed himself of the opportunity as soon as it was presented to him.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3190

“There have been authentic cases of men who have seemed to be very zealous and to burn with the pure celestial fire, who have no doubt been the means of directing others to Heaven, but have not been, themselves, saved! Too many ministers are like the signposts on country roads—they hold out their hands and point the way, but never take the road themselves! They, like the post, still stand where they always did!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3264

“Let us always remember that when we pray aright, we deal with God on terms of Grace—and answers to our petitions come to us not according to what we deserve, but according to His Infinite Mercy and Grace in Christ Jesus our Lord!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3182

“If you cannot preach at home because your practice runs counter to your preaching, do not preach at all—for a man has no right to talk and instruct others if he cannot, at least in some measure, live out what he teaches!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“Our pilgrimage may be a tiresome one, but it is safe! We cannot trace the river upon which we are sailing, but we know it ends in floods of bliss at last! We cannot track the roads, but we know that they all meet in the great metropolis of Heaven, in the center of God’s universe! God help us to pursue the true pilgrimage of a pious life!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3126

“How Mr. John Newton, whenever he entered the pulpit to preach the Gospel of the Grace of God, must have felt astounded to find himself preaching it after having been such a blasphemer and everything else that was vile! And how John Bunyan, honest John Bunyan, when talking to the chief of sinners, must have felt as he would say, “the water standing in his eyes,” as he thought how he, too, had been a Jerusalem sinner, and yet ‘Grace abounding’ had met with him!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3322

“Faith is not that mere cold, barren thing which says, ‘The creed is true,’ and then doubles it up and forgets it, or puts it on the shelf all the week to be taken down only on Sundays—it is a loving trust in Christ which changes the heart and affects the entire life! It is the grandest, greatest power ever seen on earth, for by it the Holy Spirit displays His might in the salvation of men!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3095

“Some have said that it is good only to pray when you feel moved to pray, but I would rather say that you should pray *to feel moved to pray*. When you feel that you cannot pray is the very time when you should pray, for when you *can* pray there may be less need for prayer than when you feel that you cannot pray!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3136

“The worldling’s Bible is the Christian. He never reads the Book, but he reads the disciple of Christ and he judges the Christian religion by the lives of its professors! The world will learn better and will more likely be brought to know Christ when the lives of Christians are better, and when the Bible of the Christian Life shall be more in accordance with the Bible of Christian Doctrine!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3318

“If the Doctrine that is preached glorifies the Creator, and abases the creature, there are some of our hearers who at once get angry! They cannot endure the extolling of our glorious Lord and Master. Our praise of Him makes discord in their ears. If we would prate about the dignity of human nature. If we would extol that poor foolish creature, the son of Adam, they would be pleased enough!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3210

“O my Brothers and Sisters, what a great blessing it is to be made to know our own weakness! To empty the sinner of his folly, his vanity and conceit is no easy matter. Christ can easily fill him with wisdom and prudence, but to get him empty—this is the work!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3269

“And, oh, you young people, what a mercy it is to see you willing to come and hear the Word! But have you all heard it with your inward ears? Have you looked to my Master? Oh, it is sweet to come to Christ in the early morning of life, to have a long day of happiness before you! May it be the blessedness of each one of you! It is vain to look at the Door unless you enter. God give you Grace to come in if you have never entered before!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3287

“The highest way of living is to live for Jesus and altogether for Jesus, not caring what this man says or how the other judges, but feeling that as *He* has bought us with His blood and we are His from the crown of our head to the sole of our feet, we, therefore, acknowledge no master but our Redeemer! Brothers and Sisters, do you live for Jesus in that fashion? Do we not perform many actions under the impulse of secondary motives?”—Volume 55, Sermon #3174

“The personal obligation of each individual before God is a lesson which all should learn. It is taught us in our Baptism, for there each Believer makes his own confession of faith and, by his own act and deed, avows himself to be dead with Christ. Pure Christianity knows nothing of proxies, or sureties in Baptism! After our profession of faith is made, the Believer is responsible for his own religious acts and cannot employ priests or ministers to perform his religion for him. He must himself, pray, search the Scriptures, commune with God and obey the Lord Jesus. True religion is a personal thing.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3193

“We sometimes talk of a man being ‘as drunk as a beast,’ but who ever heard of a beast being drunk? Why it is more beastly than anything a beast ever does! I do not believe that the devil himself is ever guilty of anything like that. I never heard even him charged with being drunk. It is a sin which has no sort of excuse—those who fall into it generally fall into other deadly vices.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3233

“Men cannot know God until they see the brightness of His Glory revealed in the Person of Jesus Christ. To theists and polytheists, those who believe in one God and those who worship ‘gods many and lords many,’ we have but one message, even that which our Lord Himself delivered, “Repent you, and believe the Gospel.” And already, many of them, by Divine Grace, have repented and received the remission of their sins in Christ’s name!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3224

“All the attempts that have ever been made to describe the joy and glory of Heaven have necessarily been failures—and if we were to attempt again, we should fall far below that which God has revealed to us by His Spirit—for eye has not seen, nor ear heard that which He has prepared for them that love Him!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3323

“There is such pleasure in honoring Christ and in winning souls, that I can scarcely believe that any of you have ever tasted it if you are not hungering after more of it! Did you ever win a soul to Christ? Did you ever get a grip of the hand of spiritual gratitude? Did you ever see the tear starting from the eye when the convert said, ‘Bless you! I shall remember you in Heaven, for you have brought me to Christ’? Oh, my dear Friend, you will not be satisfied merely with this, for this is a kind of food that makes men hungry! Oh, that you had a rich banquet of it and yet wanted still more!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3147

“Whenever you can see Christ’s hand in it, it makes the bitter sweet and heavy things soon grow light! Go to your sickbed as you hope to go to your deathbed—through the Door, that is, through Christ.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3287

“Well now, Beloved, if the Lord shall bring us into deep waters and cause us to pass through fiery trials—if His Spirit shall enable us to pray as Jesus did, we shall see something like the same result in our own experience! We shall rise up from our knees strengthened for all that lies before us, and fitted to bear the Cross that our Lord may have ordained for us. In any case, our cup can never be as deep or as bitter as His was—there were in His cup some ingredients that never will be found in ours. The bitterness of sin was there, but He has taken that away for all who believe in Him. His Father’s wrath was there, but He drank that all up and left not a single dreg for any one of His people.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3190

“Out of fellowship with Jesus springs the higher state of absolute certainty as to Divine things!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3161

“He [the truly blessed man] is subject to like passions and tempted in all points as we are, and yet he is blessed! Only a man, but much more than he would have been had not God blessed him!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“It is not said that the gate of Mercy will open at the first knock. If it were, there would be no room for the virtue of importunity!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3183

“I remember meeting a man who told me that he could never see spiritually until he had lost his natural eyesight! And there have, doubtless, been many who were never rich until they became poor, and others who were never happy until their earthly happiness was blighted and blasted, and then they sought and found true happiness in Jesus. What a blessed disappointment it is that leads us to a Savior’s love!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3184

“We ought to receive nothing as vital religious truth except it is sent us from above! And however much we may respect the pastor or the teacher, we must not so give up our judgment to any man as to receive his teaching merely because he chooses to utter it. Bring every form of the Truth of God that is delivered to you, though it may glitter with oratory and seem reasonable and proper, to the test of Scripture!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3318

“I have almost ceased to wonder when the swearer is converted, or when the harlot is saved—not because it is not a mighty act of Grace, but because it is common enough to be often repeated. God’s mercy is extended very freely to such sinners as these, but there is a wonder which I do not often see. I do see it, though not often—I wish I could. It is *when a self-righteous religious man gets saved.*”—Volume 57, Sermon #3233

“It is very easy to pick holes in other people’s work, but it is far more profitable to do better work yourself. Is there a fool in all the world that cannot criticize? Those who can themselves do good service are but as one in a thousand compared with those who can see faults in the labors of others. Therefore, if you are wise, my Brothers and Sisters, do not quibble as others, but arise and smite the Philistines!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3193

“Speak up for the blessed Truth of God and stand to your gun—this will gall the enemy and protect yourself. Rally to the colors and wrap them around your heart when they seem to be in peril—I mean, the blood-red colors of the Cross of Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3188

“How many infants that might have grown up to be spiritual giants have been strangled by our procrastination! You nurse the little child of resolve, but seldom does it grow into the man of practical action! Get about it, get about it *now!* You cannot help your friend when you have once gone up in your chariots of fire, so help him now and let him tell you what you should do for him.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3116

“If you ever try to fight with sin in your own strength, or on a legal footing, or because you feel that you will be condemned if you do not overcome those sins, you will be as weak as water! The way of victory is through the blood of the Lamb. There is no killing sin except by throwing the blood of Christ upon it. When once the blood of Christ comes into contact with the besetting sin, that sin withers straight away! Go to your spiritual conflicts through the Door.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3287

“To suffer poverty for Christ’s sake is a very different thing from suffering poverty in the abstract. To be despised for the Gospel’s sake is a different thing from being despised for any other reason for, to be reproached for Christ is honor—and to suffer for Christ is pleasure!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3110

“Our trials and troubles, afflictions and adversities, are among the best medicines of our Great Physician. A trial has been love’s reply to earnest desire. God’s wisdom often chooses to give us a head wind to prevent our rushing upon sunken rocks.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3321

“The life of Christ is in you by reason of His death. For you the Holy Spirit has so worked in you that the life of God is within you and you can never die! Because Christ lives, you must also live.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3092

“Yes, that which God appoints is right—and *must be right.* Distance ordained of Heaven is better than nearness of our own choosing!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3175

“As God’s Grace saved the chief of sinners, that Grace can save you, my Friend, however great a sinner you have been! There may have come in here tonight, as they often do, those who are not usually found in places of worship. My Brother or my Sister, for as such I regard you, sinner as you are, I have to tell you that if you will repent of your sin and trust in Jesus as your Savior, you shall go out of this house justified, even as the publican went out of the Temple of old after he had, from the depths of his soul cried, ‘God be merciful to me, a sinner!’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3224

“The first thought of the truly blessed man is how he can best glorify the name of Christ and in so doing he avoids ‘the counsel of the ungodly.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“You Sunday school teachers will always teach well when you go down to the schoolroom through the Door, that is, having been with Christ, having sought and enjoyed His company.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3287

“Do you know what became of Demas, Simon Magus, Alexander the coppersmith and others who turned aside from the faith in the days of the Apostles? Remember those terrible, yet inspired words, ‘If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3212

“To be born twice is to escape the second death, but to be born only once is to fall into the second death forever. Are you born-again? If so, you are Christ’s!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3079

“What if you are no gainer by obeying your God? He who bids you do it is your Maker and Preserver! What if you should lose everything through obeying Him? Would it not be better to lose the whole world than to lose your own soul, for what will you give in exchange for your soul? The very thought of weighing self-interest against the authority of God should be revolting to all right-minded men!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3078

“‘Then they that feared the Lord spoke often, one to another,’ and it is very good that they should do so. Our talk is, alas, too often very frivolous—there is much chaff but little wheat. If we would but talk more of Scripture and establish it as a fashion among Christians, we would grow much faster and stronger, and be wiser in the things the Kingdom.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3318

“The tear of penitence and the prayer of the seeking soul are evidences of the working of Almighty Grace... And when the poor soul at last, driven by necessity, throws itself flat at the foot of the Cross and rests its hope wholly and alone on Jesus, then we may say of it, ‘Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? And when, in the midst of many a conflict and soul-struggle, the heart flings away its idols and resolves to love Christ, and vows in His strength to be devoted to His service, we may say again with pleasure, ‘Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3233

“A Christian should seek the help of his Brothers and Sisters, but, at the same time, if he is called to a service for his Lord and they will not aid him, let him not be alarmed, but let him consider that if he has God with him he has all the allies he needs!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3193

“We cannot expect that men will come and make an application of the Truth of God to themselves. We must, having our heart glowing and our souls on fire with love to them, seek to bring the Truth to bear upon them, to impress it upon their hearts and consciences as in the sight of God and in the place of Christ.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3191

“Theological conflicts and ecclesiastical squabbles would utterly disappear if we were shod with the true spirit of the Gospel of Peace. An unwillingness to think harshly of any Christian is a sandal most easy to the feet, protecting it from many a thorn. Wear it in the church, wear it in all holy service, wear it in all fellowship with Christians and you will find your way among the brethren greatly smoothed!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3143

“If I have preached without the Holy Spirit I have preached in vain. If I have gone to my prayer chamber, no matter how earnest I desired to be, I have prayed in vain unless the Spirit of God has been upon me. This anointing is the Christian’s supreme need!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3266

“It is a great blessing for us to be emptied of self that God may be All-in-All, for then our infirmities cease to be drawbacks and rise into qualifications through Divine Grace!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3289

“Have not these ears often heard the songs of dying saints as they have rejoiced because the love of God was shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Spirit? Yes, a sense of acceptance in the Beloved is an ‘everlasting consolation.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3179

“The Gospel does not make us stoics—it makes us Christians. Still, you must remember that there is a moderation in grief. The Quaker was right who, when he saw a lady fretting on the sofa some year or so after her husband was dead, still harboring grief without a token of resignation, said to her, ‘Madam, I see you have not yet forgiven God.’ Sometimes grief is not a sacred feeling, but only a murmur of rebellion against the Most High.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3116

“Only a few weeks ago we went out of doors and saw nothing but the earth wrapped in a winding-sheet of snow, or, perhaps, the dull, black ground soaking in rain. Where were the myriads of leaves that now clothe the trees? And where the kingcups and daisies which bedeck the meadows and make them bright as cloth of gold? Where was all this wealth of flowers? Where all this music of song birds? God came! He breathed in pity on the frozen brooks and loosed the waters from their icy chains. He unbound the iron bonds of winter. He made the world look up and laugh with flowers.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3321

“I believe that wherever two or three disciples of Christ meet together it is competent for them to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. That ordinance is not, as some think it to be, a *church ordinance*, to be confined to the official assembling of all Believers—but wherever two or three are met in Christ’s name, there He is—and where He is, there may the emblems of His broken body and shed blood be partaken of in memory of Him!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3224

“That is the short road to true knowledge—to pray. Study is good, no doubt, for the acquisition of knowledge. But praying is the best way to obtain true wisdom!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3212

“Death used to be as a black cavern in the mountains. Men said that many were the footsteps into it, but that there were none *from* it. It was an awful, all-devouring cavern, but Jesus has, by passing through it, turned the cavern into a tunnel! He went in at the gloomy side, but He remained not in the heart of the earth—He re-appeared at the other side. So that, death is now all on the way to Heaven and immortality!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3175

“I say again that there is an essential difference between the nature of a Christian and the nature of a worldling—you cannot make a true Christian into a worldling and you cannot make a worldling into a Christian! A natural man must be born-again before he can become a Christian—and then he will not be the same man that he was before, but a new creature in Christ Jesus!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3234

“The Christian is not to shut himself up and become a hermit, and think that thereby he can cultivate holiness! That is unholiness! Christian holiness is social—the light of the world, the salt of the earth! We are to be in the world, though not of it—our priesthood is exercised in the street, the shop, the family and at the fireside—by day and night, to offer up prayers and praises and thanksgivings unto God—and so be perpetually a priest.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3266

“Those whom no man can pity and no man can help, God can love and save!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3321

“I cannot tell you how much I owe to the Monday evening Prayer Meetings and the other Prayer Meetings that are held so frequently in connection with our work here. I do hope that we shall never have them less frequently, for those Prayer Meetings have been the strength of this pulpit. The pillars on which our ministry rests are, under God, the prayers of our people! If you want to be warm spiritually, you must keep up the spirit of prayer.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3136

“Dear Brothers, may we have given to us the spirit of discrimination that we may know the precious from the vile, for if we do so as preachers we shall be as God’s mouth! And may we as hearers have the same discrimination, that we may always be able to receive that which is of God, and to reject at once with solemn determination that which is according to the spirit of the world and not after Jesus Christ!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3161

“O Brothers and Sisters, we must be *nothing*, or the Lord will not use us!...Oh, to be nothing! To lie at His feet and then, full of His power, because emptied of our own, to move forward to victory! May the Lord work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure—then shall we work out a glorious destiny to His praise!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3289

“It was good for him [Jacob] to go limping on his thigh after his victory—to make him know that it was not by his own strength that he had prevailed with God. And so it was a good thing for Eleazar to feel weary, [2 Sam 23:9, 10] for he would now understand where the strength came from with which he smote the Philistines. Eleazar only failed when there was spoil to be divided—and if you and I only shrink back when there is praise to be awarded, we need not be troubled, for there are plenty who have never done anything else who will be quite ready to claim the credit of all that is achieved!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3193

Here is His handiwork all around us, most fair and beautiful, yet the fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God,’ and proves himself to be a fool by saying it!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3234

“I have always found that an earnest Gospel ministry and a prayerful united Church will have God’s blessing when others will not have it. Go on, Sunday school teachers, go on, tract distributors! Go on, Evangelists—go on, all of you who are laboring for Christ—keep, each one, to his own service and even if it has been night with you and you have taken nothing, still keep on at your toil! Probably the best way to bring the Master to you is to labor for Him with all your might.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3146

“That which is in the well will come up in the bucket, and that which is in the heart will come up on the tongue. An unbridled tongue denotes an unrenewed heart. Oh, that God would always give us Grace in our heart to move our tongue aright! Then, as the water guides the whole ship, our tongue will guide our whole body and the whole of our manhood will be under holy government and control.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3212

“Beloved, the servants of God must frequently meet with ingratitude, unkind treatment, harsh words and cruel speeches from those whom they try to serve! And sometimes God’s own people are a greater plague to God’s ministers than are all the rest of the world besides.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3110

“The Lord Jesus has a monopoly on mercy! If you will depend upon the uncovenanted mercy of God—the mercy of God apart from Christ—you shall find that you have depended upon a reed and built your house upon sand!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3191

“When you feel disinclined to pray, let it be a sign to you that prayer is doubly necessary! Pray for prayer!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3289

“God makes much of salvation, oh, that we also did! We may recount and rehearse the story of our rescue from universal destruction—and we need not be afraid or ashamed of repeating it. As the Holy Spirit repeats the words we have here, [Genesis 7:14] you and I may often proclaim the story of our salvation and dwell upon the minute particulars of it, for every item of it is full of instruction!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3196

“Beloved, all the Attributes of God sparkle with consolation to the eyes of faith. There is nothing in the Most High to discourage the man who can say, ‘My Father, my God, in You do I put my trust.’ None who have trusted in Him have ever been confounded. Therefore if your soul sinks within you, remember the Nature, Character, and Attributes of God.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3101

“The Church does not often fish, but when she does, she catches her best fish. If we could but launch out a little more into the deep and the working population—and the openly sinning population could be more fully touched with the Gospel, who knows but we might find leaders for Israel’s hosts and men of valor—men who love much because they have had much forgiven!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3322

“The Holy Spirit always works with this aim and objective—to lead sinners to admire, adore and trust in Jesus Christ! His Omnipotence bends itself to this end, that Jesus Christ may be glorified in the hearts and lives of sinners saved by His Grace!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3127

“Do you think God would make us so dissatisfied with this world if He did not mean to satisfy us with another and a better one? Surely not! The very fact that we are strangers and sojourners upon the earth proves that we have a country of our own that is very different from this wilderness-world through which we are passing!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3234

“You know that there are more flies caught with honey than with vinegar—and there are more souls brought to Christ by happy Christians than there ever will be by all the dreadful gloom and solemnity which some people find it necessary to put on!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3076

“It is only when we can say with David, ‘My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise,’ that there is the music of deep and lasting joy in the songs that we send up to Heaven!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3225

“If we do not know what it is to love, then we do not, in the Scriptural sense, know what it is to live! We are dead! Hatred is the cerement in which the dead soul is wound up, the grave clothes in which it is put away in the tomb. But love is the garment of life in which a truly quickened spirit arrays itself. The one who is full of hatred dwells in darkness, but he that loves, abides in the light. Note how love and life and light are most blessedly linked to one another.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3266

“I do not quite like that saying of Addison, ‘Come here, young man, and see how a Christian can die.’ It looks too theatrical. But I should like it to be so with us that men might turn aside to see how a Christian can live! O Lord and giver of peace, grant us Your peace, and Grace to keep it, even to the end!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3175

“And when you become downcast, as I often am after having obtained a great blessing, do not be so very terribly alarmed about it. What does it matter? The work is over! You can afford to be laid low before God. It will be well for you to know how empty and how weak you are, that you may ascribe all Glory to the Lord alone. He is almighty, however weak you may be.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3193

“Do not, I pray you, ever set Jesus Christ up so high as to imagine that His Manhood was not like yours, so that He cannot sympathize with you—for then you cannot sympathize with Him!...But the text is equally clear in the description of Christ’s Godhead.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3088

“The blood of former pilgrims stains the way to Glory, yet from all perils to our feet the preparation of the Gospel of Peace will guard us! From fears within and fighting without, Gospel peace will surely deliver us. Perhaps we are more vexed with little trials than with great ones—certainly we bear them with far less equanimity—but a peaceful heart protects alike from tiny thorns and terrible rocks. Everyday vexations as well as extraordinary tribulations we shall bear cheerfully when the peace of God keeps our heart and mind!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3143

“Silence to man and prayer to God are the best cures for the evil of slander. It is of little use to appeal to our fellows on the matter of slander, for the more we stir it, the more it spreads. It is of no avail to appeal to the honor of the slanderer, for they have none, and the most piteous demands for justice will only increase their malignity and encourage them to fresh insult!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3322

“If any of you are to be saved, God must save you. Sinner, you are lost, and lost beyond recovery by any hand but that which is Divine and Omnipotent! ‘It is not of him that wills, nor of him that runs, but of God that shows mercy.’ Let that text roll like thunder over the heads of those who think that they can save themselves. The Lord must do it from first to last! His is the first act of Grace when He quickens the spiritually dead—and His must be the last act of Grace when we lay down our vile bodies and our spirit enters into the joy of our Lord!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3084

“Without Christ you are an unpardoned sinner, a condemned sinner and, before long you will be a sinner judged, sentenced and cast into Hell! Do you not know that?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3209

“You will be saved, not by repenting and tears! Not by wailing and works! Not by doing and praying, but coming, believing, simply depending upon what Jesus Christ has done! When your soul says by faith what Christ said in fact, ‘It is finished,’ you are saved and you may go your way rejoicing!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3191

“The greatest boldness in prayer is perfectly consistent with the lowest self-humiliation... We are to come boldly to the Throne of Grace, yet always with submission in our hearts, even as our Lord, Himself, prayed, ‘Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3182

“The faith which we have has been handed down to us by martyrs’ hands all along the ages—not through the corrupt Church of Rome—but down along the line of martyrs and confessors who have sealed their testimony with their blood! And that testimony is still with us this day! Search God’s Word and if we teach you anything that is inconsistent with it, then reject us as we would have you reject all false teachers!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3179

“It is a strange country, this. If a poor woman in a red cloak passes a farm and for sixpence tells a servant girl her fortune, she is put in prison. And I will not say but what she deserves it—yet a gentleman may stand up before his thousands and pretend to turn bread and wine into the flesh and blood of God, and to have power to pardon sin, and I have never heard of any punishment for so gross an imposition! It is infinitely more gross than anything the poor ignorant witch has ever practiced! It is not in us to pardon sin. If you had offended us, we might pardon your offenses against ourselves, but offenses against God must be forgiven by God, Himself.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3162

“All the Prophets, or nearly all of them, when they had visions from God, fell flat on their faces! John, himself, though he had leaned on Jesus’ bosom—when he saw the Master in Patmos, writes these very instructive words—‘When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.’ Now, the Lord has work for us to do, but He does not want us to be always lying at His feet as dead! Consequently, He withholds from us the full radiance of His Glory!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3323

“When a friend once gave Martin Luther a large sum of money, he stood at the Church door and gave it all away to the poor because, he said, that he had made up his mind to have his portion in the next world—and not in this. There is nothing in the sinner’s lot, either here or hereafter, that you and I have any cause to envy!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3234

“There is a very precious link between the instrument of your salvation and yourself which you ought never to forget. Surely we can never cease to thank God for the man or the woman whom He used to lead us out of darkness into His marvelous Light!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3225

“Why, the Christian, above all men, should have what the world calls his, ‘holidays and bonfire nights’—his days of rejoicing, times of holy laughter, seasons of overflowing delight. No, I think he should strive to have them always, for we are told, ‘Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart!’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“We could as easily create a world as present a fervent prayer without the Spirit of God! We need to have this written upon our hearts, for only so shall we offer those inwrought supplications which the Lord hears with delight.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3289

“The only way of breaking with sin is to unite with Christ. No man does in heart part with sin till he is one with his Savior—and that comes by trusting Him, simply trusting Him. When you trust Him, He delivers you from sinful habits and no longer allows you to be the slave of evil. ‘If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, you shall be free, indeed.’ Seek that freedom! May He bestow it upon every one of us and then may we become heroes for Christ—and He shall have the glory, forever and ever! Amen.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3193

“We need, nowadays, dear Friends, to have a little less talk about what men are and much more actual living unto Jesus. The Lord work it in us by His Spirit!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3174

“I have heard of a preacher who thought that whatever came first into his head was good enough for his people. On one occasion, he informed one of his officers, at the end of his sermon, that he had never thought of it before he entered the pulpit. And the good elder replied, ‘I thought so while listening to you. I thought that if you had considered it beforehand, you would never have said what you did.’ We all need to wash and mend our nets—I mean that we all need to do Christ’s work in the best possible way—and that is the way in which we are most likely to be privileged with His Presence.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3146

“If you are in the dark you will not see the filth upon your garments, but the brighter the light the more you will see every spot—and the more you will mourn over it.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3323

“Oh, yes, the world is a heap of chaff! The only solid treasure is to be found in Christ! But if you neglect Him, you neglect all that is worth having!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3209

“Be as much as you can with the saints of God. I have sometimes spent an hour with a congenial spirit, a man whose heart has been warm with love to his Master, and when he has gone I have felt that I could bless God for having had the privilege of talking with him, yet that very man has said that he thanked God for that hour because of the good he had got from me—while it seemed to me as if I had got all the good and had given nothing in return.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3136

“The Holy Spirit never sets His seal to a prayerless religion! It has not in it that of which He can approve. It must be truly said of a man, ‘Behold, he prays,’ before the Lord bears such testimony concerning him as He bore concerning Saul of Tarsus, ‘He is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3178

“The ill words of Christians often make texts for sinners, and thus God is blasphemed out of the mouths of His own Beloved children! Let it not be so with any of you, Beloved.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3234

“Perhaps you have lost one who was very dear to you. Let it comfort your heart that it was the Lord who took away your loved one. There is an empty chair in your house and every time you look at it your eyes fill with tears—yet never forget that it was the Lord who called to Himself the one who used to occupy that chair.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3184

“When we think of all the Lord’s goodness to us, we cry out, somewhat as David did, ‘Who are we, O Lord, and what is our house, that You have done such great things for us?’ If we have ‘the hand of the Lord’ upon us in this sense, it will not crush us, nor drive us to despondency or death—it will make us realize our own nothingness while it will also give us a grateful sense of our Lord’s loving kindness and condescension in dealing so graciously with us!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3290

“You cannot even live in God’s service as I do, but in serving Christ, Himself, you get as Martha did—cumbered with much serving. Oh, that the heart were always on the mountain with Christ—no, I won’t say that—were it even in the garden, as long as it were but with Him—in Gethsemane, or on Tabor—it would matter little as long as we could stay with Him!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3323

“A preacher once told me that he had read the Bible through 20 times on his knees and had never found the Doctrine of Election there. Very likely not. It is a most uncomfortable position in which to read. If he had sat in an easy chair, he would have been better able to understand it. To read on one’s knees is like a Popish penance! Besides, he read in the wrong way—if instead of 20 times galloping through, he had read once and pondered continually—he probably would have seen clearer than he evidently did.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“Remember, Believer in Jesus, that your heart was, by nature, as black as the heart of Judas! Whatever sin there may have been in any other man, the germ of that sin was in your nature—there was no superiority about you, by nature, to any other member of the human race. However excellent your parents may have been—and God forbid that I should disparage them—it is still true, ‘That which is born of the flesh is flesh.’ It must be so. From defilement—and that is in the parents—there can only come defilement. There cannot be a crystal stream from an impure fountain.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3194

“Is there a harlot here? Is there a drunk here? Is there one here who has cursed God? Is there one here who has been dishonest? Is there one here over whom all these sins have rolled? Why, if you believe, your sins, which are many, are all forgiven you! And though there should be brought before us one so guilty that we might well stay away from him, yet if he can but trust Christ, Christ will not stay away from him, but will receive him!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3191

“Further than this, let me remind you, my dear Reader, that if you have not Christ, nothing else will be of use for you. A profession of religion will only be a sort of respectable pall to throw over the corpse of your dead soul! No, a profession of religion, if you have not Christ in it, will be a swift witness against you to condemn you! What right have you to profess to be a follower of Christ unless Christ is in you the hope of Glory?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3209

“We may take it for granted that God’s Providential dispensations will always tend in that direction and that the ponderous wheels full of eyes are always revolving in such a way as to work out the eternal purposes of Grace in the salvation of those whom Christ has redeemed. But, for all that, *the* power which God mostly blesses is the energy of the Holy Spirit exerted through the preaching of the Gospel of Christ—not by kings and princes, or learned doctors or eloquent men—but through the Gospel as preached by humble and earnest Believers, illustrated by gracious and holy lives, and supported by fervent and unceasing prayers!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3188

“Some of you used to follow Jesus very closely and to be very warm friends of His—have you been growing cold towards Him? Oh, let this no longer be the case! If you have found Him, follow Him and follow Him ‘wherever He goes.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3225

“Our mercies which pass unobserved are probably ten times as numerous as those which we perceive! It is well, therefore, at least at the close of every day, to look back upon all the mercy that has been given to us during the day—and to realize that “the hand of the Lord” is still upon us in the evening, shielding us from all harm, guiding us in His own good way and providing most generously for all our needs!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3290

“The inward meditation [of God’s Word] is the thing that makes the soul rich towards God. This is the godly man’s occupation. Put the spice into the mortar by reading, beat it with the pestle of meditation—so shall the sweet perfume be exhaled.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“I have not the least particle of faith in rambling spirits. Those who are in Heaven will not care to be wandering in these foggy regions! And those in Hell cannot leave their dread abode.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3128

“If you are not spared, but perish, it will not be because God is not merciful to you but because you are not merciful to yourselves!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3324

“Mr. Bunyan describes the City of Mansoul as sending Mr. Wet-Eyes as one of her ambassadors to the Prince Emanuel—and he is still a most acceptable ambassador to the King of kings! He who knows how to weep his heart out at the foot of the Cross shall not be long without finding mercy. Tears are diamonds that God loves to behold!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3234

“The poorest Christian has power with God in supplication. We do not undervalue that, but still, if the Lord does not help you in answer to those prayers and if it does not become a *personal* matter with yourself so that *you* pray, you will be guilty of a superstitious reliance upon the prayers of others—having made a god of them—and God will be grieved with you for having done so. No prayers of all the saints on earth could save a single soul unless that soul fled for refuge to the hope set before it in the Gospel in the Person of Jesus Christ.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3162

“To some people it seems to be a dreadful thing to give a man such a bad opinion of himself, but, indeed, it is the greatest blessing that could come to him, for when he despairs of himself, he will fly to Christ to save him!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3115

“All who believe in Him, [JESUS CHRIST] in whatever visible Church they may be, make up the one Church of Jesus Christ which He has redeemed from among men with His precious blood. And in the latter days He will have that Church to be His reward.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3144

“If you want to wither your happiness forever, you have only to go and be yoked with an unbeliever. . . We do not often talk about these things when we are preaching, but we ought to talk about them a great deal more than we do. I do beseech you, Christian young people, if you hope to have God’s blessing, take care that you do not get ‘unequally yoked with unbelievers.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“That is the chief business of our coming together in these great assemblies—that we may be brought into real, close, personal contact with God and see His power and His Glory in the sanctuary! As for the Preacher, he is no more account than the lad with the five barley loaves and two small fishes! But if the Master will add His blessing, the multitudes shall be fed spiritually even as the thousands were then fed literally—and He shall have all the Glory!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3290

“Old age should never be looked upon with dismay by us—it should be our joy.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3183

“The Scripture has put the two side by side, ‘These shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous unto life eternal.’ The same word applies to both. As long as Heaven shall shine, so long Hell shall burn! As long as saints are happy, so long shall those whose impenitence has made them castaways be wretched!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3324

“How many sermons have been preached before people and how few have been preached *at* them! Yet the sermons that are preached *before* us are good for nothing, but the sermons that are preached at us are the only ones that are likely to be blessed to us!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3210

“It is very easy for you to get conceited and proud, but it would help to preserve you from such folly and sin if you would only remember what you used to be before the Grace of God made such a change in you. Then you would not want to sing to your own praise and glory, but you would walk humbly before the Lord and give all the honor to him for what Grace has worked in you. This will make it a most profitable exercise for us to look back to see what we were before our conversion.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3194

“I must frankly confess that of all my expectations of Heaven, I will cheerfully renounce ten thousand things if I can but know that I shall have perfect holiness, for if I may become like Jesus Christ as to His Character—pure and perfect—I cannot understand how any other joy can be denied me! If we shall have *that*, surely we shall have everything! This, then, is our hope—that ‘we shall be like He, for we shall see Him as He is.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3235

“This [Gen 7:23] is the counterpart of what will follow the preaching of the Gospel—those who are in Christ shall live, shall rise, and reign with Him forever—but none of those who are outside of Christ shall live. ‘Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.’—Volume 56, Sermon #3196

“Try to crush the Church of Christ and the more you try to crush it, the more it will live and flourish! Seek to exterminate the Christians and in the futile attempt you shall multiply them like the stars of the sky or the sands of the seashore! There is no way of killing the life of God when it is once implanted in the heart of a Believer in Jesus! All the devils in Hell, if they set all their demoniacal powers to work to blow out the feeblest light that ever glowed in a Christian’s heart, could not put it out even if they took an age to do it.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3176

“May I ask whether there are not some here who do not meditate on God’s Word at all? If so, then this solemn thought will seize us—f you have not the blessedness of God’s Word, you must inherit its curse! Let us see to it and now, beginning at the Cross of Jesus Christ, study the mystery of His wounds for our sin, and then go on afterward to meditate in His Law day and night.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“Holy anxiety to be found sincere and acceptable with God prevents all self-confidence.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3325

“No doubt there are certain marks and evidences of the Christian life for which it is quite right to talk, yet it is better to look at the marks of the Savior’s wounds and to see the evidences of God’s Love manifested in the Person and work of His well-beloved Son. It is much more profitable to look at the Creator than at the creature. If you must bring self in at all, let it only be as Ezekiel did when he said, ‘The hand of the Lord was upon me in the evening.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3290

“Alas, some have even sold their souls for the cup of the drunkard. The intoxicating cup which is very rarely, if ever, a benefit to anyone, even when taken in what is called moderation, leads to the certain damnation of many if they touch a single drop of it. It has allured thousands into the jaws of Hell! They could not resist its spell when once it fell upon them. It is, alas, only too true that men who were once honorable and loving husbands and fathers, have become brutes and monsters! No, I slander the brutes when I compare them with many men whom I have seen, who have seemed, through strong drink, to have made themselves into incarnate fiends!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3111

“If I have found Him, how shall I prove that I prize Him? First, *let me be willing to lose all that I have for Him*. Does my present position in life involve me in sin? Then let me leave it rather than grieve my Lord. Is my business an evil one? Then let me renounce it at once, for if I do not, I shall have to renounce Him! Have I any companions who are the enemies of Christ? Then I dare not call them my friends. Is there some dear one with whom I have entered into such close association that it will draw me away from Christ? Then, while I can, let me break the connection, for I must give up all for the Christ who gave up all for me!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3225

“I believe that many professing Christians are cold and uncomfortable because they are doing nothing for their Lord. But if they actively served Him, their blood would begin to circulate spiritually and it would be well with them.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3136

“If you get wealth, who gives you power to get it? And if you have health, who is it that preserves your strength of limb and the blood that still leaps within your veins? He has but to will it and you would be a paralytic, or a consumptive like so many others. Your children are spared to you—bless God for each of them, for it is He that spares them! Your husband or your wife, your brother or your friend, the joys that cluster around the hearth—all these come to you through Him. They are common mercies, we say, but we would not think them so common if we had to

miss them for a while! Let us bless God and see His hand in them all, and say, ‘Great Father, even my nether springs are in you.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3213

“Ah, that evening will soon come to everyone of us when we shall have to bid farewell to the fond pursuits of the day—that ‘night’ of which our Savior said that then, ‘no man can work.’ And when that night comes on and we begin to feel its chilly dews settling upon our dying brow. When the hoar-frost of death shall be upon every limb, how blessed it shall be to have a bright and glowing lamp within our soul which will owe none of its brilliance to sun or moon, but to the Lord God who gives us the Light that shall last forever!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3290

“Our Lord Jesus Christ was thus perpetually, constantly and wholly the butt of slander and of scorn! He was permanently standing in the pillory to be ill-treated by the hands of them whom His power had created, and whom His own love had spared! What a ‘contradiction of sinners against Himself!’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3327

“The man who is partially like Christ has only a partial view of Christ. You might almost know your own character by your view of Jesus. If your eye sees not inexpressible beauty in Him, it is your eyes that are to blame, for He is altogether lovely. And when the eyes of our inward nature shall come to see Jesus as He is, then we may depend upon it that we are like He is!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3235

“Were the Covenant founded upon works, it would fail! If it depended upon ourselves, it would surely break down! But if it is the ‘Everlasting Covenant, ordered in all things, and sure,’ it cannot fail! If the promise is the promise of God who cannot lie, He will surely keep it unto the end. We ought not, therefore, to be burdened with this anxiety, but simply go on in the path of daily watchfulness and humble dependence upon the preserving power of the Lord Jesus Christ—and so we shall find that we shall get safely to Heaven after all!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3098

“Christian, you can do *anything* when the joy of the Lord is within you! Like a roe, or a young hart, you leap over mountains and make them as stepping stones across the brook! The heaviest tempest that can lower over you cannot chill or dismay your courage, for your strong wings pierce it and mount above it all into the clear blue sky of fellowship with your God!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“‘Unto you is preached the forgiveness of sins.’ My dear Friend, *it is no small privilege to be where the message of the forgiveness of sins can yet be heard.* Unto you is preached the forgiveness of sins, but not to the tens of thousands and millions who have gone the way of all flesh, unpardoned and unsaved! How is it that you are spared?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3191

“We are all proud. Pride can hide under a beggar’s rags as well as under an alderman’s robes. Pride is a weed that will grow on a dunghill as well as in a palace garden, but it ought never to be allowed to grow in the heart of a Christian!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3194

“Brothers and Sisters, we are generally too fast with our tongues when anybody accuses us! I am afraid we are not always so quick to defend our Master as we are to defend ourselves.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3327

“I hope none of you, my brethren, are under the idea that if you are unconverted and join a church, that will help you. Oh, how I have wasted my labor here if I have led any of you to believe that! I charge you, if you are not a friend of Christ, not to come among his friends or declare yourself to be one by a lying profession!...A man may be damned fast enough without being a hypocrite! What need of that? Join yourselves to God’s people when you have joined yourselves to Christ—but not till then.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3162

“Yes, let the canons of law be altered and Acts of Parliament be burned in the fire, but let the Word of God stand fast forever! If any man preaches any other Gospel than that we have received, instead of saying, ‘No doubt he is an excellent, but a mistaken man,’ let us say with Paul, ‘Let him be accursed!’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3263

“The habit of daily prayer must be maintained. It is well to have regular hours of devotion and to resort to the same place for prayer, as far as possible. Still, the spirit of prayer is better than the habit of prayer. It is better to be able to pray at all times than to make it a rule to pray at certain times and seasons.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3186

“Under the old dispensation, instrumental music seemed more congruous than it does now with the spiritual worship into which we have been introduced. If we must ever have instrumental music in our worship, let it be the same—the very same as David had. And then I, for one, though I should still think it we going back to the old dispensation long since superseded, would put up with it!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3290

“If any man can say, ‘I am sure of Heaven, and I am proud of it,’ he may take my word for it that he is secure of Hell! If your religion puffs you up, puff your religion away, for it is not worth a puff!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3235

“There are no set times for prayer—one hour is as good as any other for coming to the Throne of Grace. Whenever the Spirit of God inclines the heart to pray, the ear of God is open to hear our supplications—and the mouth of God is open to grant us gracious answers of peace!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3182

“Let the word, ‘compromise,’ with regard to evil never even cross your thoughts! Our Lord and Master made no compromises. He told us that it would be better to pluck out our right eye and cut off our right hand rather than that they should cause us to offend. Give your heart so fully up to Jesus, my Beloved Brothers and Sisters, that you are altogether separated from this world! Let the world know *where* you are, *what* you are and take care that *you* know where it is and what it is! Be not, I pray you, conformed to this world!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3188

“*Love is the chief endowment for a pastor. You must love Christ if you mean to serve Him in the capacity of pastors.*”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“It is one of the most beautiful exhibitions of a Christian spirit when a Christian man admires the gifts and graces of others more than he admires his own! When, instead of thinking of anything in which he excels others, he delights in those things in which they excel him.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3226

“Every child of God is born-again with a tear in his or her eyes. Dry-eyed faith is not the faith of God’s elect. He who rejoices in Christ, at the same time mourns for sin! Repentance is joined to faith by loving bonds, as the Siamese twins were united in one.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3325

“Father, those boys of yours are not yet what you could wish, but they must feel your godly example. Perhaps when you lie beneath the sod, they will recollect what you used to be. Fill the house with the odor of true religion! Fill the parlor and the drawing room, the bedchamber and the kitchen with hallowed conversation! I say again, not with mere talk and Pharisaic pretense, but with real holy living and true godly communion! And depend upon it, you are doing for your children and your servants the best thing in your power to do! Give them teaching, give them warning and entreaty, but still, the actual perfuming with godliness must arise from your own holy living—it must be begotten of the ointment poured on Jesus’ feet!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3174

“When the trumpet of the Resurrection sounds, the sea must give up her dead and myriads will stand upon the waves, as on a sea of glass, to be judged!... God has but to speak it, and though the bodies may have been devoured by fish, or dissolved into their separate atoms by the perpetual beating of the surf, yet when He speaks it, frames shall be refashioned, life shall come back at His call and our dead men shall live, and in their flesh shall they see God, who, before they died, had learned to say, ‘I know that my Redeemer lives.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3291

“Do you ask, ‘What is there that will bring Christ to a Church and keep Him there?’ I reply, in a word, *prayer*. There is no force in nature that is equal to the power of prayer! The law of gravitation holds the planets in their orbits and links the sun to all the spheres that circle round Him, but prayer has before now made gravitation, itself, cease to exert its energy. ‘Sun, stand you still upon Gibeon,’ said Joshua—who had first spoken to the Lord about the matter—‘and you, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon’—and sun and moon stood still!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3146

“As Jesus is the Forerunner to Heaven, rest assured that those for whom He is the Forerunner will in due time follow Him there.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3102

“Some young converts imagine that as soon as they believe in Christ and find peace with God, they will be perfect and have no more sin within them. Such an erroneous idea will only prepare them for a great disappointment, for conversion is not the end of the battle with sin—it is only the beginning of that battle. From the moment that a man believes in Jesus, and is thereby saved, *he begins his life-long struggle against his inbred sins.*”—Volume 54, Sermon #3115

“I am afraid some Christians do not want to know too much of Christ’s commands. There might be some very awkward ones and they do not want to attend to some of them. They are very pleased if they can get some minister to say that some of Christ’s commands are non-essential and unimportant! Ah, dear Friends, he is a traitor to his Master if he dares to say that anything that Christ says is unimportant!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3235

“He is the worthy receiver under the Gospel who comes feeling his unworthiness and accepts the Gospel provision as a gift of Divine Grace—but he who will not come because he thinks the Gospel unworthy of him, shows himself to be unworthy of it!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3328

“Obedience to the will of God is the pathway to perpetual honor and everlasting joy!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3266

“The more pleading with God that there is, the more power will there be in pleading with men, for the Holy Spirit will come upon us while we are pleading and so we shall be fitted and qualified to do the work to which we are called of God!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3178

“There is not one joy in our best and happiest time but comes from God. In our choicest moments, when we are most like our Lord and most free from the encumbrances of the earth, never, even then, have we anything good that is to be ascribed to ourselves! If it be good, it all comes from God.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3213

“‘Look,’ says the scholar, as he points to the volumes on his shelves, ‘I have searched through all these and all the learning that is there is mine.’ ‘Ah,’ says Death, as he smites him with his cold hand, ‘who can tell the difference between the skull of the learned and the skull of the ignorant when the worm has emptied them both?’ But the Christian, when he can point upwards and say, ‘I love my Savior,’ has a possession which is surely his forever! Death may come, and *will* come, even to him, but all that Death can do is open the door to admit the Christian into still fuller enjoyment of that which was already his!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3185

“O Beloved, if you recall your own condition as sinners, you will love those who are still ‘in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity,’ and your great desire will be to bring them to Jesus even as you, yourself, were brought to Him.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3194

“The sea is the Lord’s and, therefore, *I may confess my sin to Him when I am out on the ocean* and He will hear me, for He is there! I may weep the tear of penitence and He will see me, for God is there! Out at sea I may cry, ‘My Father,’ and He will hear His child! Brother, you may find Jesus at sea for He was at home on the waves and a companion of seafaring men! The Lake of Galilee was familiar with His voice and saw His answer to the prayer, ‘Lord, save me, or I perish!’ The sea around you waits to hear you pray and to see God’s wonders on the deep!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3291

“That God rules man as a builder rules his stones and timber, is the idea of idiots, but that He leaves them men, in full possession of their freedom, and yet achieves the purposes of His Grace is the Truth of God! He has mysterious cords of love and bands of a man with which to draw men—they are compelled to come in, but yet ‘the people willingly offer themselves.’ It is a paradox, and so is every Truth of God, if we are willing to see it all. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is high, I cannot attain unto it and, therefore, I accept it as all the more clearly in harmony with the attributes of Him whose ways are past finding out.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3328

“It is written that He was ‘seen of angels,’ and it must have been with awe and wonder that they gazed upon Him from the manger to the tomb! We read, also, ‘which things the angels desire to look into’—and there must have been many mysteries which even their lofty intelligence could not comprehend until He explained it to them! They delight to praise and worship Him! And they help to swell the mighty chorus of adoring homage that is always ascending to Him.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3180

“As we shall get near the spirit-world and the soul will begin to strip off her material garment to enter on a new form of life, how shall we feel as we enter the unknown world? Shall we cry out, ‘It is a Spirit!’ as we salute the first who meets us? It may be so, but then a sweet voice will destroy death’s terror, end all our alarms and this shall be its utterance, ‘It is I; be not afraid.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3128

“If we have looked sad for a while, let us now be brightened by thoughts of Christ! At any rate, let us not be satisfied until we have shaken off this lethargy and misery, and have once again come into the proper and healthy state in which a child of God should always be found, namely, a state of spiritual joy!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“The Church of God, then, when Christ receives her as His bride, will be dressed in the imputed righteousness which comes to her by faith! It is the righteousness which Jesus Christ spent His life to work out, the righteousness which never had a stain upon it, for Jesus Christ is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. Oh, blessed be God for this glorious fact that Jesus Christ will have a Church of this kind forever! This also is one of ‘the true sayings of God.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3144

“Our business, [preachers] since the Spirit of God is upon us, is not to teach politics, save only in so far as these immediately touch the Kingdom of Christ, and there the Gospel is the best weapon. Nor is it our business to be preaching mere morals and rules of duty—our ethics must be drawn from the Cross—and begin and end there!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3237

“When God’s servants go after sinners, sinners come after Christ! That is God’s usual rule. ‘By the foolishness of preaching,’ which there includes all sorts of Christian teaching, the Lord ordains to save them that believe.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3328

“All Believers are of the true Israel. Abraham was the father of the faithful. The faithful, or the believing, are, therefore, Abraham’s seed according to the promise!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3164

“Love to Him will breed a love for all His sheep and your love for them will give you power over them.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“Well, just as all right-minded people would be sure to think of Christ when under the olive groves, so ought we to compel men, whether they are right-minded or not, to think of the Lord Jesus Christ when they come into association with ourselves! Not because we are always talking about religion, but because we are always *practicing* it.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3176

“Men go astray from God by nature, but they only return to God through Grace.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3148

“Why is it that the Word of God is Christ’s sword? Surely it is because that Word tells us about Him—He is the text of which the Bible is the sermon!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3292

“When one who professes to be a Christian lives as worldings live, there is grave reason to fear that he is a worldling, notwithstanding his profession! If we are to know him by his fruits, which is our Lord’s Infallible test, how can we imagine that he is a partaker of the Divine Life when he acts as he does? Inconsistency of life casts a very serious doubt upon many who call themselves the children of God.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3226

“I know that we are trusting in Jesus if we are saved, but do we trust Him as He deserves to be trusted? He has given us the most convincing proof of His love that can possibly be conceived—how is it that we do not always rest in His love, feel quite confident about that love, lean our whole weight upon that love and live in the full conviction that that love is altogether our own?”—Volume 54, Sermon #3092

“There is, certainly, enough in the Gospel for any one man, enough to fill any one life, to absorb all our thought, emotion, desire and energy—yes, infinitely more than the most experienced Christian and the most intelligent teacher will ever be able to bring forth!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3237

“Sometimes, when I have been preaching, I have had this thought in my mind, ‘I will not tell my Hearers that God can save the greatest sinners because He saved John Bunyan and John Newton, but I will tell them that He can save all other sinners because He saved *me*.’ When I have had that thought uppermost in my mind, I have found that I could preach with great tenderness to those who were out of the way.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3194

“Long before the Redemption price had been paid, I doubt not that Christ was honored by the saints in Heaven, for they knew that their coming there was on the same ground and footing as the saints do now! I believe, therefore, that long before He lived and died on earth, they cast their crowns at His feet and said, ‘You are worthy.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3329

“We will never cease to speak of the precious blood of Jesus! There are certain people who cannot bear to hear it mentioned, but a bloodless theology is a lifeless theology, and a ministry that can do without mentioning the blood of Christ has no power to bless the sons and daughters of men.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3198

“Satan rides on the back of carnal care and so obtains entrance into the soul. If he can distract our minds from the peace of faith by temporal cares, he will get an advantage over us.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3273

“There has been spreading in this country and in other lands, also, the idea of universal salvation—and mark you, wherever that doctrine spreads, vice must and will spread as the natural and inevitable consequence! When men are taught to believe in ultimate universal salvation, their immediate and legitimate inference is, ‘Then we may live as we like and all will be right in the end.’ And they *will* live as they like, but all will *not* be right in the end! They are ambassadors of the devil who teach that lying doctrine—and they will have to answer for it at the Judgment Bar of God.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3111

“For a man to lead others like himself into temptation is bad enough—but to sow the vile seed of vice in hearts that are as yet untainted by any gross, actual sin [the children] is a hideous piece of wickedness!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3237

“A man may think he has an experience of his own emptiness—no, he may truly possess it—but if it does not drive him to Christ, if he does not come and rest on the Lord Jesus, all his experiences are of no saving value! The foundation of the soul’s salvation is not experience of any or every kind, but the finished work, the meritorious blood and righteousness of our Lord and Savior!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3331

“May the Lord teach us—thundering at us, if necessary—what sin means! May He teach it to us so that the lesson shall be burned into our souls and we shall never forget it!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3293

“There is no way for us to get a revival-fire but from God, Himself. If anybody can ‘get up a revival,’ as it has been said that they do, in any other way, it is not worth having! The only kind of revival that is worth having is that which has come down from God, not that which has been got up by men.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3136

“We have in all our congregations a certain number of hearers who make great professions for a time, but afterwards go back and leave us. The reason very often being that the preaching has sifted them out from the wheat and proved that they are only chaff. I know that some of you feel very uncomfortable when I am preaching the Doctrine of Election or any of the other great Doctrines of Sovereign Grace. I am very sorry for any of you who cannot appreciate those glorious Truths of God in which my soul delights itself to the fullest—and I would earnestly and solemnly urge you to examine yourselves to see whether you have ever had Divine Grace in your hearts at all if you do not love to hear the Doctrines of Grace preached!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3210

“And if there are any degrees in Glory, you who want the high ones may have them. The lowest degree that I can perceive in Scripture is, “that they may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My Glory”—and that lowest degree is as high as my most vivid imagination can carry me!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3129

“If at any time, through infirmity or weakness, I should teach you anything which is contrary to this Book, cast it from you! Hurl it away as chaff is driven from the wheat—if it is mine and not my Master’s, cast it away! Though you love me, though I may have been the means of your conversion to God, think no more of what I say than of the very strangers in the street if it is not consistent with the teachings of the Most High! Our guide is His written Word, let us keep to this.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3263

“It fills my soul with pleasure to think that I am sent to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to poor lost souls! There is no joy like it, except that of seeing them actually saved!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3328

“That work which filled the Savior’s heart and hands is noble work for us. It were worth living for and worth dying for to be the instruments in the Spirit’s hands of bringing souls into a state of Grace!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3089

“Brothers and Sisters, I say, and I am afraid I may well say it with tears, that much of our conversation would not do for God to hear! And though He does hear it, yet it would not do for Him to write a Book of Remembrance concerning it, for it would be far better that it should be blotted out.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3116

“When God gives you a little light, prize it. Thank Him for it and ask for more. If you have got starlight, ask for moonlight. When you have got moonlight, do not sit down and weep because it is only moonlight, but ask Him for more, and He will give you sunlight, and when you have got that, be grateful, and He will give you yet more! He will make your day to be as the light of seven days, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3195

“To show you that salvation is not by human merit, God was pleased to cast it entirely upon covenant arrangements. In that Covenant made between Himself and His Son, there was not a word said about our actions having any merit in them! We were regarded as though we were not, except that we stood in Christ and we were only so far parties to the Covenant as we were in the loins of Christ on that august day. We were considered to be the seed of the Lord Jesus Christ, the children of His care, the members of His own body.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3293

“If you realized your true condition in God’s sight, you would find time for prayer somehow or other, for you would feel that you must pray! It never occurred to Peter, as he was beginning to sink, that he had no time for prayer. He felt that he must pray—his sense of danger forced him to cry to Christ, ‘Lord, save me.’ And if you feel as you should feel, your sense of need will drive you to prayer and you will never again say, ‘I have no time for prayer.’ It is not a matter of *time* so much as a matter of *heart*—if you have the heart to pray, you will find the time.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3186

“If Nature’s fingers could nimbly spin a garment that should cover human nakedness, it would be of no use. All that Nature spins, God must unravel before a soul can be clothed in the righteousness of Christ! It is not your doings, Man—it is Christ’s doings that must save you! Not your tears, but Christ’s blood! Not your feelings, not anything in you or from you! Listen, you who have an ear to hear it—‘Salvation is of the Lord’—from first to last!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3177

“It is not enough to know *about* Christ, it is knowing Christ *Himself* that alone saves the soul!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3331

“It was the complaint of Jeremiah, ‘Even the sea monsters draw out the breast. They give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.’ Let not such a charge lie against any one of us! Our design and objective should be that our children, while they are yet children, should be brought to Christ! And I ask those dear Brothers and Sisters here present who love the Lord not to doubt about the conversion of their little ones, but to seek it at once with all their hearts!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3237

“When we are railed at by graceless men and they slander us, we may say to ourselves, ‘Well, well, if they did but know us altogether and could see our hearts, they could perhaps have said something worse against us—so we will be well content to bear this.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3164

“If you have faith to bring your weakness before God with the sense of a child towards Him, you surely must prevail. Come, then, you timid trembling children of your Father who is in Heaven, use this plea—‘Will You break a leaf that is driven to and fro?’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3269

“Now, remember, you will never know the fullness of Christ until you know the emptiness of everything else but Christ!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3073

“Oh, how delightful this Bible looks to me when I see the blood of Christ sprinkled upon it! Every leaf would have flashed with Sinai’s lightning and every verse would have rolled with the thunders of Horeb if it had not been for Calvary’s Cross! But now, as you look, you see on every page your Savior’s precious blood! He loved you and gave Himself for you, and now you who are sprinkled with that blood and have by faith rested in Him, can take that precious Book and find it to be green pastures and still waters to your souls!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3293

“It will be of no use to you that you were regular in your private prayers, that you were good to the poor, that you were generous to the Church, that you were constantly in your attendance upon the outward means of Grace. I say, as I said before, that all these are but a painted pageantry for your soul to go to Hell in, unless you have Christ! You may as surely go down to the Pit by the religious road as by the irreligious. If you have not Christ, you have not salvation, whatever else you may have.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3209

“Every sinner is guilty of high treason against the majesty of Heaven, for he does, as far as he can, snatch from God’s hand the scepter of Sovereignty and pluck from His brow the crown of universal dominion!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3148

“To call a horse an angel will not make him an angel. And to call a man a Christian will not make him a Christian. You may label, enroll, number the unsaved as much as you like, but you will not make even one of them a Christian by that process any more than putting the name, ‘olive tree,’ on a fig tree will change its nature and make it produce olives!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3226

“You may hold all the creed and be orthodox—and then be no better than the devil, for I suppose that the devil is a very sound theologian. He surely knows the Truth. He believes and trembles! But you may know it and *not* tremble—and so you may fall short of one virtue which even the devil possesses!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3331

“I always think, when I come away from the deathbed of a child of God, that I have added to my previous stack of facts proving the faithfulness of my God! I would believe the Bible without a single fact to back it up, but there is a vast quantity of external as well as internal evidence of the Truth of the Scriptures. I would believe my God if He never gave me anything to see with my eyes or to hear with my ears. His own Word should be enough for me, but these blessed sounds and scenes, these cheering sights and holy triumphs make it not merely a matter of faith to believe the Gospel, but also a matter of common sense. It seems impossible to doubt when you see the evident power there is about true godliness and the majestic might that dwells in faith to strengthen the weak against the last grim foe.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3144

“Have you a longing in your soul to be the means of bringing others to Christ? In order to accomplish this, it is imperatively necessary that you should have a knowledge of Jesus! Let it be a *heart knowledge*. You tell sometimes your children to learn their lessons by heart. You cannot learn Christ in any other way! Christ cannot be learned in the head. Only love can learn love—and Christ is Love incarnate! It is by loving Him and communing with Him that you will get to understand Him. You must learn Him by heart.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3085

“I shall never be able to outrun the goodness and mercy of my God! I shall always have closely attendant upon me His goodness to supply my needs and His mercy to forgive my sins.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3199

“Holy Scripture gives you a wardrobe full of choice garments and they all smell of myrrh and aloe and cassia because Christ has worn them!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3292

“Think much of little mercies since you deserve none. Do not throw away these pearls because they are not the greatest that were ever found, but keep them, thank God for them, and then soon He will send you the best treasures from the treasury of His Grace.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3195

“And let me tell you, dear Reader, that your repentance, if it does not lead you to Christ, will need to be repented of! And your faith, if it is not based upon His atoning Sacrifice, is a faith that is not the faith of God’s elect! And all your convictions of sin—all the visions that have scared you, all the fears that have haunted you—will only be a prelude to something worse unless you get Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3209

“But what is the Scripture’s great theme? Is it not, first and foremost, concerning Christ Jesus? Take this Book and distil it into one word—and that one word will be Jesus! The Book, itself, is but the body of Christ and we may look upon all its pages as the swaddling bands of the infant Savior, for if we unroll the Scripture, we come upon Jesus Christ Himself.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“You know something of Him. Oh, may God give the Grace to add to your knowledge, trust, and then shall you have true saving faith!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3331

“I have noticed that whenever there is a revival in the Church, there is almost certain to be a hypocrite hidden away among the converts. If you have a garden, you must have noticed that the snails come out after rain—and after a revival, slimy hypocrites are pretty sure to appear—but what if they do? The Lord Jesus Christ did not leave off preaching because He knew that there was a Judas among His Apostles! And if we should have a Judas in our ranks, should that make us give up our work for Christ? No! But if there are in our midst some people who are good for nothing, let us try all the more to find out those who will be good for something.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3136

“Poor Mariner, give up clinging to that wreck on the rocks! Poor Sinner, give up clinging to your works and to your sins! There is room in the Gospel lifeboat for you and all who will put themselves under the care of the great Captain of Salvation, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3221

“Slander is no uncommon injury for the children of God to bear. That which false tongues glibly utter, ungenerous minds easily credit—and a pure conscience is exquisitely sensitive... The longest trees cast the longest shadows and those who stand the highest are often said by men of the world to be the most base. God was slandered in Paradise—why should we expect to escape being slandered in the midst of this world of sinners?”—Volume 57, Sermon #3239

“This is the Gospel that we preach—that whoever believes in Jesus Christ is reconciled to God through the death of His Son. Peace is possible! O blessed news! Blessed are the people that know this joyful sound! Bright should be the eyes of those who see the feet of the messengers that bring the glad tidings of peace possible between man and God!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3148

“What is there for any man to preach about if he leaves Jesus Christ out of his sermon? A discourse without Christ in it is delusion and a sham—a mere playing with immortal souls, a mockery both of God and man!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3292

“Oh, it is the happiest and most blessed condition to *lie passive in God's hands* and know no will but His—to feel a self-annihilation in which self is not destroyed but is absorbed into God so that we delight in the inner man in the will of God and always say, ‘Father, Your will be done.’ This is a hard lesson—far easier to preach about than to practice—and a great deal easier to think of when you have learned it than to carry it out.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3164

“Outspoken Truths of God makes half the world angry! The Light of God blinds their eyes!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3191

“I tell you this—faith comes by hearing and by hearing the Word of God—and when to these is added earnest seeking, you shall not be long without finding Him!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3331

“I have noticed, when the showers are falling, that you who try to keep a few pots of flowers in this smoky London, set them out to get the benefit of the rain. And you not only put out the large plants, but you put out the little ones, too, so that the precious drops may fall on them. Let your little children, like the little pots of flowers, be put under the gracious showers of the sanctuary and who knows how largely God may bless them? If children cannot understand all that is said, I think that where the preaching is what it should be, even a small child will remember something and perhaps understand it better, by-and-by.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3082

“Let us imitate Puritan theology in its soundness and Puritan living in its holiness, but not in its gloom—if, indeed, it was gloomy, which I very much question.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“I would not alter my preaching in order to retain any individual, however eminent or influential he might be. Others may fish for him if they like, but I shall not. My business is to declare my Master's message exactly as He has revealed it to me in His Word and by His Spirit!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3210

“Surely there is no greater comfort under Heaven than a sense of sin forgiven and of reconciliation to God by the death of His Son!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3227

“We generally exhaust our thoughts upon the second cause and vent our indignation upon the framer of mischief. We are angry with the person who has caused us our loss, or put us to shame, instead of knowing that God uses even the wicked to chastise His people!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3239

“The best of men cannot live upon themselves. Our hearts are like the fire in the Interpreter's house which the enemy tried to quench, but blazed the more because a man stood behind the wall and fed the flame from a vessel of oil in his hands. His is a secret and mysterious power—the work

of the Holy Spirit—who ‘works in us to will and do of God’s good pleasure.’ In ourselves we are as weak as we can be, and left to ourselves would soon fall into some sin.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“That little mound outside Jerusalem’s gate explains your very existence! The world itself was created that Christ might die on Calvary! This earth was to be a sort of stage upon which Christ was to take the principal part in the greatest drama that the whole universe has ever witnessed! The world was made by Him and for Him—and it will remain until His great purpose of love and mercy is fully accomplished!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3180

“Where God really justifies, He really sanctifies, too! And where there is a remission of sin, there is also the forsaking of it. Where God has blotted out transgression, He also removes the love of it, and makes us seek after holiness and walk in the ways of the Lord.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3332

“My Brothers, learn the art of loving men to Christ! We are drawn towards those who love us and when the most callous feel “that man loves us,” they are drawn to you at once—and as you are nearer to the Savior than they are—you are drawing them in the right direction.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“Some of you profess to be Christians, and yet you have never come forward to avow it! You have been afraid to unite yourselves with the Christian Church! Your Master bids you confess Him. The mode of confession which He prescribes is that you be baptized in His name—and yet, though He has saved you, you stand back and are disobedient.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3195

“I hope that there is never a Sunday but what I teach this one Doctrine and, until this tongue is silent in the grave, I shall know no other Gospel than just this—Trust Christ and you shall live! The bloody Sacrifice of Calvary is the only hope of sinners! Look there and you shall find the Star of Peace guiding you to everlasting day! But turn your backs upon Christ and you have turned your back upon Heaven—you have courted destruction, you have sealed your doom! It is by the sprinkling of the blood, then, that we are saved.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3293

“When one of our dear friends, who has lately gone to Heaven, was very ill, one of his sons prayed with him. He began in a very proper way, ‘Almighty Father, Maker of Heaven and earth, our Creator’—but his sick father stopped him and said, ‘My dear boy, I am a poor sinner and I need God’s mercy. Say, ‘Lord, save him.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3186

“The world has an eagle’s eye for a Christian’s faults! It tries to see faults where there are none—and where there are small faults, it is sure to magnify them! For my part, I am very glad it is so, and I say, let the world watch us—it will help us to be the more exact in our conduct. If we are ashamed to be seen anywhere, it must be because we have good reason to be ashamed! Let us endeavor to live so that we need not be ashamed.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3188

“Christians are not all thought and all emotion—they are practical men and women—and seek to work for God. But did any of us ever do a good work in our own strength? We have done many works in our own strength, but were they good for anything? The Savior shall decide that question. ‘Without Me you can do nothing,’ He says. You can bring forth fruit without Him, but your fruits are as the vines of Sodom and of the fields of Gomorrah. Only that is right which comes from Him. When He blesses us, our actions done for Him are accepted through Him.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3213

“If you have lost a dear friend, heal your sorrow by giving yourself more earnestly than ever to God’s cause and to the propagation of ‘the Truth of God as it is in Jesus.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3116

“The discerning of the hand of God [in our afflictions] is a sweet lesson in the school of experience.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3239

“Christ has gathered some of His choicest clusters from the valley of poverty. Many eminent saints have never owned a foot of land, but lived upon their weekly wage and found scant fare at that.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3319

“Certain courses of action are the very reverse of casting all your care upon God, and one is *indifference*. Whatever virtue there may be in stoicism, it is unknown to the true child of God. ‘I don’t care,’ may be an appropriate expression for an atheist to use, but it is not suitable for a Christian!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3273

“There are some of you who will find in me a swift witness against you at the bar of God! If you should say that you never heard the Gospel, I will testify that you have heard it plainly and faithfully declared time after time. I have not preached as I wish I could, but you have always been able to understand my message! I have not sought to find gaudy words and polished periods with which I might tickle your ears, but in God’s name, I have told you that unless you repent and believe, you shall surely perish! And I have preached to you the love of Jesus and pointed you to His wounds and bid you look unto Him and live.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3221

“Perhaps you are only a poor servant, or a humble working man living and laboring in obscurity—or possibly a young child or a maiden scarcely known beyond your own family circle, yet believe me—when you see the Lord Jesus Christ in His beauty, as He is revealed to you by the light of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is glorified!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3127

“Now, you need not ask tonight whether you are God’s elect. I ask another question—Do you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? If you do, you are His elect—if you do not, the question is not to be decided by us yet. If you are God’s chosen ones, you will know it by your trusting in Jesus. Simple as that trust is, it is the Infallible proof of election! God never sets the brand of faith upon a soul whom Christ had not bought with His blood. And if you believe, all eternity is yours! Your name is in God’s Book, you are a favored one of Heaven, the Divine decrees all point to you—go your way and rejoice!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3191

“Every soul saved by Grace, every soul brought home to Glory is the result and the reward of almighty labor. He who spoke and it was done in the making of the material world made not His Church so easily. It was with His word that He made this world, but it was the Incarnate Word that was necessary to the new creation! No blood needed to be spilt for the making of this earth in all its pristine beauty and glory, but the new heavens and the new earth could be cemented by nothing less than the product of almighty suffering.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3294

“Is there anything in the world that is worthy to be compared with the incalculable mercy of forgiven sin? What if I am poor? Yet I am forgiven! What if I am sickly? Yet I am forgiven! What if I shall soon die? Yet I am forgiven! Our sin being forgiven, the very sting of death is drawn and, therefore, we can sing, ‘Thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3227

“You, working man, are the only one on your street who comes to the House of God—well, mind that you come boldly—be not ashamed of being different! And when, in your workshop, you hear the cursing and reviling of the wicked, let them know whose colors you wear and who is your King. But be careful that your life is so consistent that they cannot pick holes in it—and then you need not mind being a speckled bird among them, as Noah was in his generation!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3196

“Whenever I go to a bank with a check, I pass it to the clerk at the counter, take up the cash he gives me and go about my business. That is how I like to pray. I take to the Lord one of His promises and I say to Him, ‘Lord, I believe Your promise and I believe that You will fulfill it to me.’ And then I go my way knowing that I have the answer to my petition, or that it will come in due time.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3144

“I had never known the loathsomeness there was in my heart if the spade of tribulation had not turned over the green sods of my profession and made me see therein holes and places where loathsome things did creep and crawl within.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3239

“It is a pity when Truth has to be extracted from us with as much difficulty as a decayed tooth. That is the best wine which flows most freely from the grape and that is the best testimony which a man bears with cheerful spirit because he values the Truth in his own soul, and would have others prize it too!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3165

“The means may change, but the God of the means changes not! He will supply your needs. Stand in your proper place, do your duty, obey His will and He will not fail you, but bring you safely to the place where fears shall never come to you anymore.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3098

“What would be the worth of the opinions of all the men in the world as to the state of a soul before God?”—Volume 55, Sermon #3137

“If you really love the sheep, you will be ready to spend your life for them or even to lay it down for their sakes. Love, then, I take to be the chief endowment of the pastor—although having that, I trust you will not fall short in any other respect but be thoroughly furnished unto every good work.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“There are many people who would like Jesus to save them, but when? Ah, that is the point which they have not settled yet. A young man says, ‘I should like Christ to save me when I grow older, when I have seen a little more of life.’ You mean when you have seen a great deal more of death, for that is all you will see in the world—there is no real life except that which is in Christ Jesus!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3186

“Jesus Christ and Him Crucified should be the Alpha and the Omega of every sermon! Even if the preacher is not preaching Christ directly, he ought to be preaching Him indirectly, proclaiming the Truths of God in such a way that it shall either *draw* the sinner or else *drive* him to the heart of Christ!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3292

“Possibly, if an angel were to take my place here next Lord’s-Day, there would be many of you who would be very pleased with the change. But I think by the time two or three Sabbaths had passed, you would want your old friend back again, because you would feel that there was, after all, a warmth of brotherhood within the human being’s breast which you could never expect to find in cherubim or seraphim!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3148

“This is the sum and substance of the matter—if our character cannot endure the scrutiny of those who are around us in our home, how can we hope to stand at the bar of God when all that we have done shall be published before the assembled universe?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3196

“If we are not fruitful to His praise, how shall we excuse ourselves? Where shall we hide our guilty heads? Shall yonder sea suffice to lend us briny tears wherewith to weep over our ingratitude?”—Volume 58, Sermon #3319

“Those individuals who try to caricature our doctrinal sentiments are in the habit of saying that we teach that God has chosen a few to be saved and left the great majority of mankind to perish. They know that we have never said any such thing! And they also know that no man of any standing in our denomination has ever said any such a thing. On the contrary, we believe that God has ordained a countless host, so numerous that no man can number it, who shall be everlastingly saved! And we think we have some warrant for believing that the number of the saved will vastly exceed the number of the lost, that in all things Christ may have the preeminence.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3221

“If the Lord did not look after us in our best days, we would perish by the sunstroke of too much prosperity! And if He did not watch us in our worst days, we should be frost-killed by the cruel Arctic winds of adversity!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“I could sit at Calvary and weep, but I could not sit there without singing! It is strange, yet it is true that in the hour of our greatest grief, we soon find comfort in the place where grief reached its climax. Calvary was the very summit of sorrow for our dear Lord and Savior, yet it is the death of sorrow to His people! And the Cross, which caused Him unspeakable agony, brings consolation and joy to all who put their trust in Him!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3227

“It was my God who bled for me on Calvary, that I might live with Him forever! Oh, what consolation there is in this Truth of God, that He who was smitten instead of us, was most truly God as well as most certainly Man!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3088

“If it is a battle of your own, leave it alone! In everything else, if you want a thing done, do it yourself! But in the matter of your own character, if you need it defended, leave it alone! God will take care of it and the less you stir in that matter, the better will it be for you—and the more for God’s Glory!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3239

“People have often said that the Doctrine of Election ought not to be preached lest it should prove to be a stumbling block in the way of sinners coming to Christ, yet I can testify that we have had scores of souls brought to the Savior and added to this Church through sermons upon Election, Predestination and those other great Truths of God in which many of us believe and rejoice!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3292

“He [Noah] fashioned his life by the will of God, not by the will of his fellow men, nor by his own will and, Beloved, this is the way for us to be righteous before God, when He brings us, by His Grace, to desire to live according to His will and to His praise and glory! I fear that many professors go blundering on, not stopping to pray, ‘Lord, show us what You will have us do.’ Noah did not act thus—he was righteous before God, righteous with respect to God, righteous in God’s sight!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3196

“There was a crest and motto which some of the old Reformers used to use, and which I commend to any of you who are under this trial of slander. It was an anvil with a number of hammers, all broken, lying around. And this was the motto when translated, “*The anvil breaks many hammers.*” And how does it do this?...The anvil simply endures the blows—just keeps its place and lets the hammers fall, fall, fall until they are broken upon their handles! And this is exactly what the Savior did. They, the accusers, were the hammers, He was the anvil. And who shall say that the anvil did not break the hammers in pieces, that the silence of the Savior was not far more eloquent than all the clamor of the evil multitude? ‘He held His peace,’ it is said of Him.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3327

“The worst of human nature is that though it cannot lift a finger for its own salvation, it thinks it can do it all—and though its only place is the place of death and it is a mercy when it comes to burial, yet that same human nature is so proud that it would, if it could, be its own redeemer!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3101

“You cannot put your finger upon a single passage of Scripture which proves that you will be lost, so do not believe that it must be so till you have it from God’s own mouth! Never imagine that you are excluded from His pardoning mercy till He, Himself says that you are—and He has never said that yet.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3111

“I am persuaded, from my own experience, that the more I live upon God, alone, the more I truly live and the less I know of anything like power, or wisdom, or anything of the sort pertaining to myself, the better! The more I decrease and He increases, the more do I grow up in the Lord in all things. May we, then, each one of us, adopt this sweet motto and always say, All my springs which are within me, as well as those of which I drink, are in my God.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3213

“We have heard men say that children are not born in sin, nor shapen in iniquity, but that they have inherent Grace—but we have never yet met with the man who has found so wonderful a child!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3081

“It is something very delightful to consider that Father, Son and Spirit all cooperate to give us comfort. I can understand their cooperating to make the world. I can understand their cooperation in the salvation of a soul. But I am astonished at this same united action in so comparatively small a matter as the comfort of Believers! Yet the Holy Three seem to think it a great matter that Believers should be happy, or they would not work together to cheer disconsolate spirits.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3189

“Christ on the Cross is a yet fuller type of what man would have become had sin been let alone. It brings manhood ever lower and lower until it plucks his very life out of him and lays him dead beneath the clods of the valley. Sin’s only throne is a mock one! Its only crown is a painful one and its only reward is sorrow and shame. In Jesus, mocked by the soldiers, we see what sin had brought our race to and all that sin could do for us.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3138

“Mercies and miseries alike operate for the growth of faith! Some of us have been called upon to trust God on a large scale and that necessity has been a great help towards fruit-bearing. The more troubles we have, the more is our vine dug about—and the more nourishment is laid to its roots. If faith does not ripen under trial, when will it ripen? Our afflictions fertilize the soil wherein faith may grow.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3319

“You have already had the righteousness of Christ imputed to you, so may the Spirit of God impart that righteousness to you that you may live unto God, and before God, fearless and careless of what men may say against you so long as you are right in the sight of the Most High! May the Lord graciously give us such a righteousness as this! And, Beloved, we must have it, we must have it, for without holiness shall no man see the Lord! Our own righteousness can never save us—we must have the righteousness of Christ.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3196

“It is thought by some that Popery will swallow the Church of Christ just as the whale swallowed Jonah. But if it should do so, the Church would come back again as surely as Jonah was cast up upon the dry land! There is no sword fashioned that can smite the Church of God, nor will there ever be one! There will be a Church as long as there is a world—and when this world is burned up, the Church shall shine more brightly than ever—and it shall keep on shining to all eternity, and be a rest for God forever!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3294

“Oh, the misery of sinning to a child of God! Do not dream that we can ever have any pleasure in sin—the worldling may, but the Believer never can. To him it is a deadly viper that will fill his veins with burning poison!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3270

“Though our Lord Jesus Christ has only one Church, a part of its members, I believe, may be found in every denomination—but they owe not their standing to the fellowship they hold with denominations. There is one great denomination, ‘the Church of the living God,’ to which every true Believer must belong.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3093

“Let us not desire honor among men. In the Church of God the way upward is downward. He that will do the lowest work shall have the highest honor. Our Master washed His disciples’ feet and we are never more honored than when we are permitted to imitate His example.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3221

“There is no greater mockery than to call a sinner a free man. Show me a CONVICT toiling in the chain gang and call him a free man if you will! Point out to me the galley slave chained to the oar and smarting under the taskmaster’s lash whenever he pauses to draw a breath, and call him a free man if you will, but never call a sinner a free man, even in his will, so long as he is the slave of his own corruptions!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3240

“We must not think that our hope lies in what is in the sinner. I heard a man preach about the adaptation of the sinner to the Gospel and I thought he was very foolish, for what is there in the sinner but everything that is opposed to the Gospel, everything uncongenial, everything that would put the Gospel to death if it could?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3213

“If Adam had kept the Law, we would have been blessed by his keeping it. He broke it and we have been cursed through him. Now the Second Adam, Christ Jesus, has kept the Law—we are, therefore, if Believers, represented in Christ and blessed with the results of the obedience of Jesus Christ to His Father’s will. He said of old, ‘Lo, I come to do Your will, O God! Your Law is My delight.’ He has done that will and the blessings of Grace are now freely given to the sons of men!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3326

“Do you not think that Abel must have felt very strange when he went to Heaven? How startled the angels must have been when they saw the first soul redeemed by blood in Glory all by himself! I think they must have hushed their songs awhile to ask all about him.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3294

“And I can assure you that I never address you without feeling that it would be better for me to engage in breaking stones on the road, or in any job, however hard it might be, than to have to preach the Gospel because if I am unfaithful to the many souls committed to my charge, what must be my portion at the last? Whether you think so or not, to me it seems that every sermon involves me in most dire peril unless Divine Grace makes me faithful.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3148

“The natural man can go through the world and not see God at all. Yes, and he will even have the audacity to deny that God is there! And he may go further, still, and say that there is no God at all! David says that such a man is a fool, but the modern name for him is, ‘philosopher.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3117

“How dreary and dreadful is the state of man by nature—and how painfully conscious he is of his true condition when the Holy Spirit reveals it to him! Then is he, indeed, like a prisoner in a ‘pit wherein is no water.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3240

“Oh, do make your households to be like flower gardens—plant no thorns and root out all ill weeds of discontent! Depend upon it, household happiness is a great means of promoting household holiness!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“To be obedient to God is the surest way to be victorious over wicked men! Keep God’s Word and God will guard your head in the day of danger.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3144

“Christ is also very pleased with the fruit of *hope*, and we are so circumstanced that we ought to produce much of it. The aged ought to look forward, for they cannot expect to see much more on earth. Time is short and eternity is near—how precious is a good hope through Divine Grace!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3319

“Or if the Lord calls a Sister to Himself, she is to be silent in the Church Meeting, but she belongs to the Divine Priesthood and her prayers and praises will go up with as much acceptance before God, through Jesus Christ, as if she were an eminent Divine, or the most gifted of the saints! All God’s children are priests and this is the song of all in Heaven and all on earth who are truly saved—‘He has made us kings and priests unto God, and we shall reign forever and ever.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3266

“We may be reckoned righteous by our neighbors and friends, but if we are not washed in the precious blood of Jesus, if we are not robed in the righteousness of Christ, if our lives have not within them the evidences of the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, our friends’ favorable judgment will avail us nothing when the all-seeing eyes of God beholds us as we really are! I pray with all my heart that we may, each one of us, be righteous before God even as Noah was in his generation.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3196

“If all things were made by Him and for Him, how is it possible for us to get away from the conviction that He is, indeed, God? I will not attempt to argue about the matter, but whatever others may say or do, as for me, Jesus of Nazareth is my Lord and my God—and I will love and adore, and worship Him forever and ever!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3180

“Can anyone see the slightest resemblance between the Master’s sitting down with the 12 and the ‘mass’ of the Roman community? The original rite is lost in the superimposed ritual! Superstition has produced a sacrament where Jesus intended a fellowship.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3295

“Jesus—Man, yet God. Jesus—allied to us in ties of blood—oh, here is a reason for holy mirth! Here is Christmas all the year round! There is great joy to us in His nativity, for by it man has been taken by God into union with Himself! Jesus the Savior! Here is death to the groans of pain—an end to the moans of despair!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“When a man goes to his business to make money, he goes there with all his wits about him—but frequently, when men come to prayer and Christian service—they leave their minds behind and do not act as if they were transacting real business with God. Elisha, when he said, ‘Set on the great pot,’ expected God to fill it! He was sure it would be so and he waited in all patience till dinner was ready. O Church of God, set on the pot, and the great pot, too! Say, ‘The Lord will bless us.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3187

“In our natural state we wore chains, not upon our limbs, but upon our hearts—fetters that bound us and kept us from God, from rest, from peace, from holiness—from anything like freedom of heart and conscience and will! The iron entered into our soul and there is no other slavery as terrible as that. As there is no freedom like the freedom of the spirit, so is there no slavery that is at all comparable to the bondage of the heart.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3240

“Yes, Beloved, if God did not choose the base things of this world, He would never have chosen us! If He had respect unto the countenance of men. If God were a respecter of persons, where had you and I been this day? We had never been instances of His love and mercy!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3332

“The Jesuits have held the theory that the end sanctifies the means. And so those—I was going to say diabolical beings—suppose they are glorifying God when they heap lies, pile on pile! One of the chief qualifications for a priest is to be able to tell a lie without the slightest sign of blushing—and I must give some of them credit for great proficiency in the art.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3165

“I can understand a man in business who only lives to make money, being crushed when he becomes a bankrupt. But I cannot understand your being like that, my dear Brother, if you live to glorify God in your business and in everything else! I can comprehend a worldly man saying, ‘I have nothing left on earth now that my darling is dead.’ But I cannot comprehend your saying it, my Brother or Sister, for your sins are forgiven!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3227

“When we cease to pray for blessings, God has already ceased to bless us—but when our souls pour out floods of prayer, God is certain to pour out floods of mercy.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3240

“I think that if a Christian is to grow to the full stature of a man in Christ, he must be subjected to the strong winds of trial and temptation. The dross must be separated from the gold by the fierce heat of the furnace.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3214

“Oh, it is good to be with Christ, today, for then we shall be with Him tomorrow! It is good to be with Him in the stocks, for if we can bear the reproach, we shall one day be with Him on His Throne to share the Glory!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3297

“Can there be anything much worse than indifference to the Lord Jesus Christ? He is so loving and gentle, and so tender of heart that to be indifferent to Him is to cut Him to the quick! Oh, had He been indifferent to us—when there was no other eye to pity us and no other arm to save us—if He had been indifferent to us, then, instead of meeting in this place tonight to hear of Him, we would, all of us, have been in Hell! But He was not indifferent to us, so let none of us be so cruel as to be indifferent to Him!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3138

“If you want to civilize the world, it must be by preaching the Gospel! If you want to have men well instructed as to the right and the wrong, it must be by this Divine Instruction which only God, Himself, can impart.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3326

“Sometimes I begin to wonder that I find anybody alive! At the head of such a vast congregation as this, there are so many journeys to the tomb for me to make that I feel, perhaps, more than any of you, that I live in a dying world! Standing with my foot once or twice a week on the edge of the grave and saying, ‘Dust to dust, and ashes to ashes,’ over so many of my fellow mortals, I dare not look upon you as living men, but only as men who are soon to die! Would God that I could add of all of you that I look upon you as men who are going to the land of the living where they never die!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3079

“How blessed it is for you to live with the consciousness that you have left everything in His hands, casting your burden upon the Lord, and making it your only burden to pray to Him and *serve* Him all the days of your life!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3239

“We [preachers] must show in ourselves that faith in our God is a healing medicine, or man will not believe us! We shall make Christ, Himself, seem to be a pretender unless we practically prove that we have been healed by Him. Let your people see in you what comes of trusting Christ! Let them see what cheerfulness, what hopefulness, what buoyancy of spirit come to those who trust Christ and cast all their cares upon Him.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3273

“Oh, it was a blessed thing when standing at the foot of the Cross, and calling upon the name of the Lord, you could wash your mouth clear of those bitter aloes of repentance and conviction of sin with the cup of consolation—the cup of salvation! After that first bitter draught which purged the mouth so Divinely and made it ready to receive the sweetness of the Word, then it was that on one happy day, looking up and seeing the flowing of the precious blood, you perceived your mouth to be filled with honey, instead of vinegar, for you saw the vinegar transferred to Christ, and the gall and the wormwood given to Him, while you drank of the ‘wines on the lees,’ yes, ‘the wines on the lees, well refined.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3197

“I have all necessary authority! I speak according to this blessed Book, but I have none at all if I wander from it. Regard not a single syllable that any man, or even an angel from Heaven may say to you if it is not according to Scripture! But when the humblest of us speak according to God’s Word, woe be to those who reject the Truth! The Gospel has such majesty in it that it demands acceptance from all who hear it!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3148

“If, when wrestling with the Angel as Jacob did, you can come off victor, you need not be afraid to wrestle with the very devil, himself, for you will be more than a match for him through the Lord Jesus Christ!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3241

“Oh, there are times when you and I, Beloved, are obliged to keep the bridle on our tongue, lest we should murmur against God!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3332

“May you make angels envious of you if envy can ever pierce their holy minds! You can submit for Christ’s sake to sufferings which it is not possible for seraphim or cherubim to endure!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3297

“Do not tell me about your grand cathedrals with all the splendor of their architecture! The best altar in the world is a broken and a contrite heart and the truest cathedral is a soul that is rejoicing in the indwelling God! When the Holy Spirit comes and reveals Christ in the soul, there is the Altar, there is the Temple, there is the true worship for which God cares beyond all else—and that is really glorifying Christ!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3127

“Now, my young Friends, you have heard that So-and-So and So-and-So have turned back, like Pliable, to the City of Destruction—‘will you also go away?’ Will the tide also sweep you away, or will you, by the Grace of God, swim against it? There it goes, broad and deep! Upon its surface is the foam of pleasure, but in its depths is the damnation of Hell—will you also float adown it as multitudes of others are doing, or will you stem the current—‘Strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son?’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3210

“Again, the Scripture is given to us to produce in us experiences, every one of which is meant to promote our joy. ‘Why,’ says one, ‘all Christian experience is not joyful!’ I grant you that, but remember that all a Christian’s experience is not *Christian* experience. Christians experience a great deal because they are not such Christians as they ought to be. Beloved, there is a mourning which comes from the Spirit of God, but it is a joyous mourning, if I may use so strange a phrase.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“To see the righteousness of God in having tried us. To clearly discern His wisdom, His goodness, His truth, His faithfulness in having afflicted us—and more and more to see how suited to our case is the fullness of righteousness which is treasured up in Christ Jesus—this is the Divine result from all our troubles! So may it be with us till the last wave of trouble breaks over us and we enter into everlasting rest!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3239

“May God send to this church men—and women, too—of this order—‘strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might!’ To whom the joy of the Lord shall be their strength, who shall go about their Father’s business with all their might—that might which is given them of God—and do great exploits for our greater David while He is in the wilderness and needs their aid!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3297

“‘My Beloved is mine.’ So although I may have but little, I will be satisfied with it! And though I may be so poor that the world will pass me by and never notice me, yet I will live quite content in the most humble obscurity because, ‘my Beloved is mine,’ and He is more than all the world to me.’ ‘Whom have I in Heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside You.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3185

“You are afraid of dying, you say, because of the pains of death. No, they are the pains of *life*—of life struggling to continue! Death has no pain—death itself is but one gentle sigh—the fetter is broken and the spirit fled. The best moment of a Christian’s life is His last one, because it is the one that is nearest Heaven!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3332

“God denies nothing to a fervent heart when it can plead His promise and lay hold upon Him by the hand of faith.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3241

“Out of millions of God’s people living in different countries, under different forms of government and in different ages—all of them of different temperaments and constitutions—their trials must take all kinds of shapes. As in the kaleidoscope, there must be a vast variety in the tribulations of the Lord’s people and yet there never has arisen a single case in which there has not been a promise which, word for word, and letter for letter, met the case in hand!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3189

“The work of reformation is slow—you can lead men to sin as rapidly as you like, that is downhill work—but to get them to toil with you uphill toward the right is not so easy.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3089

“The more I consider the Doctrine of Substitution, the more is my soul enamored of the matchless wisdom of God which devised this system of salvation! As for a hazy atonement which atones for everybody in general, and for nobody in particular—an atonement made equally for Judas and for John—I care nothing for it. But a literal, substitutionary Sacrifice—Christ vicariously bearing the wrath of God on my behalf—this calms my conscience with regard to the righteous demands of the Law of God and satisfies the instincts of my nature which declare that, as God is just, He must exact the penalty of my guilt!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3086

“If I were to assert that this Tabernacle grew up by chance, without either architect or builder, I would be a liar as well as a fool! But I should have just as much reason to say that as to declare that the universe came into existence without the fiat of the great Creator. Men who deny the plain teaching of Scripture upon this point are indeed fools!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3274

“Christ also instituted a simple supper of bread and wine to be a memorial of His death. But the mockers have changed that ordinance into the sacrifice of the “mass,” a thing for “priests” to perform, saying that they make the bread and wine into the *actual flesh and blood* of Jesus Christ!

Oh, these are dreadful horrors! I sometimes marvel that the earth does not open and swallow up these mockers and that Almighty God still allows these abominations to continue! Surely the mockery of Christ by the Praetorian guard was not such a crime as this!"—Volume 55, Sermon #3138

"The teaching of the Lord's Supper is just this—that while we have many ways of COMMUNION WITH CHRIST, yet the receiving of Christ into our souls as our Savior is the best way of communion with Him."—Volume 58, Sermon #3295

"The very essence of Popery, that which is so hateful in it to us and we believe so obnoxious to the Lord, is not so much its outward rites and ceremonies as its inward spirit of setting up human merit. There are two merits—your own merit and the merit of Christ. If you trust your own merit, you do in fact proclaim that you are opposed to Christ's way of saving by His merits!"—Volume 58, Sermon #3333

"We waste far too much of our time upon trifles—it would be well if the love of Jesus so engrossed our thoughts that it engrossed our conversation, too!"—Volume 56, Sermon #3228

"Many an important step which I have taken, and which God has blessed, has been taken because of a vow that I have made to Him when my soul was in trouble. And I sometimes think that trouble is, in my own case, always a preparation for entering upon some new path of duty, or beginning some new enterprise for my dear Lord and Master."—Volume 56, Sermon #3214

"Was it not Dr. Gordon who, when he lay dying, said that the secret of strength in faith in Christ was having no faith in ourselves? I am inclined to think that the problem of weak faith in God is our having too much self-reliance."—Volume 57, Sermon #3241

"My Lord is such a One that if a beggar asks a penny of Him, He gives him gold! And if you ask only for the pardon of sins, He will give you all the Covenant blessing which He has been pleased so bounteously to provide for the necessities of His people! Come, poor guilty one—needy, helpless, broken and bruised—come by faith and let your weakness plead with God through Jesus Christ!"—Volume 57, Sermon #3269

"My dear Brothers and Sisters, whenever you hear a sermon in which our God is spoken well of and His Glory is set before you, are you not happy? Do you not go from the place of worship and say, 'Thank God I was there! God was in the midst of the temple. The Word of God was preached and my heart is satisfied'? And, on the other hand, whenever you hear a sermon in which man is magnified and the nobility of human nature is held up and God is put anywhere or nowhere, how do you feel about that? I am certain that you say, 'That word which only glorifies such a poor fallen creature as man, my soul abhors.'"—Volume 56, Sermon #3197

"We have many ways of communing, the one with the other, but there is no way of mutual communing like the common reception of the same Christ in the same way!"—Volume 58, Sermon #3295

"There are some professors who seem to delight to tell us of a new discovery in science which is supposed to destroy our faith. Science makes a wonderful discovery and straightaway we are expected to doubt what is plainly revealed in the Word of God! Considering that the so-called 'science' is continually changing and that it seems to be the rule for scientific men to contradict all who have gone before them—and that if you take up a book upon almost any science, you will find that it largely consists of repudiations of all former theories—I think we can afford to wait until the scientific men have made up their minds as to what science really is! In any event, we have no cause to be distressed concerning science, so let no Christian's heart fail him—and let him not raise any alarm in the camp of Christ!"—Volume 56, Sermon #3188

"All doings bear fruit of one kind or another, and sinful doings bear bitter and deadly fruit! (Micah 7:13). Woe to the man who is made to eat the fruit of his own doings! That which men eat on earth they may have to digest in Hell—and there shall they lie forever digesting the terrible morsels which they ate with so much gusto here below!"—Volume 57, Sermon #3239

"Be not deceived, my Brothers and Sisters—I cannot and you cannot turn over the leaves of the book of destiny! It is impossible for us to force our way into the cabinet chamber of the Eternal! I hope you are not deluded by superstitious ideas that you have had a Revelation made to you, or that there has been some special sound or dream which makes any one of you think you are a Christian!"—Volume 58, Sermon #3326

"Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I do firmly believe that a deep and clear sense of sin is necessary to a right estimation of the power of pardoning love. I am sure that it is a great blessing to us when we have a deep sense of our sinnership. God forbid that we should ever pray as the Pharisee did, 'God, I thank you, that I am not as other men are.' Far better would it be for us to imitate the publican, and cry, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.'"—Volume 54, Sermon #3115

"Have you a spiritual taste, dear Hearer? It is one thing to hear the Word. It is another thing to *taste* it. Hearing the Word is often blessed, but tasting it is a more inward and spiritual thing—it is the enjoyment of the Truth in the innermost parts of our being! Oh, that we were all as fond

of the Word as were the old mystics who chewed the cud of meditation till they were fattened upon the Word of the Lord and their souls grew strong in the Divine Love! I am sure of this—the more you know of God’s Word, the more you will love it!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3144

“I have heard of a wife walking home with her husband from a place of worship. He was an ungodly man. She had often prayed for him and he went with her to hear the sermon. She had been praying that he might be blessed and yet, in walking home, she was foolish enough to begin criticizing the sermon...at last he stopped her and said, “My dear wife, you have often prayed to God that I might be blessed. God has blessed that sermon to me this morning and I cannot bear to hear you speak of it as you have been speaking.” I know this is a fault with many Christians—not that we ministers care at all what you say about us, except for the evil you often do in spoiling to others that which does not happen to suit your fastidious taste, for you may in that way be doing the devil’s work.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“Now mark this—those who are once redeemed are always redeemed! The price of their redemption was paid upon Calvary and that great transaction can never be reversed. I dare to put it very strongly and to say that they were as fully redeemed when they were dead in trespasses and sins as they will be when they stand in the full blaze of Jehovah’s Presence before the eternal Throne of God! They were not, then, conscious of their redemption, but their unconsciousness did not alter the fact of their redemption!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3242

“Oh, it is a mercy when in a gracious sense, the soul is thus covered with shame, a hallowed shame on account of its many sins! I would pray that this terrible text [Psa 132:18] may be fulfilled in the sweetest possible manner by your being covered with shame for sin!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3333

“We are not saved by our works, but when we are saved, we are saved from sin, saved from disobedience, saved from unholiness, saved from selfishness— saved in order that we may live no longer unto ourselves but unto Him that loved us and gave Himself for us. ”—Volume 56, Sermon #3188

“Heavenly fingers touching like strings within our hearts bring forth the same notes, for we are the products of the same Maker and tuned to the same praise! Real harmony exists among all the true people of God—Christians are one in Christ!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3295

“They are indeed fools who prefer the pleasures of sin to the joys of eternity, for such pleasures will soon end—and then everlasting misery will be their portion.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3274

“Do you limit the Holy One of Israel? Do you think He needs our numbers? Do you think He is dependent upon human strength? I tell you, our weakness is a better weapon for God than our strength! The Church in the Apostolic times was poor and mostly made up of unlearned and ignorant men—but she was filled with power. What name that would have been famous in ordinary history do you find among her first members? Yet that humble Church of fishermen and common people shook the world!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3187

“The Gospel is a source of joy to those who proclaim it, for unto us who are less than the least of all saints, is this Grace given—that we should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3086

“To be clothed with pain would be far less dreadful than to be clothed with shame. I would sooner at any time feed the acute pain that is possible in the body than feel shame, for a prick of the conscience is worse than the thrust of the surgeon’s knife!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3333

“If a man will not come where there is a fire, is it surprising that he cries that he cannot get warm? The neglect of the means of Grace causes many to enquire, ‘Lord, where are Your former loving kindnesses?’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3242

“We know so little of what the word, ‘Heaven,’ means that we cannot adequately appreciate the tremendous sacrifice that the Son of God must have made in order to become the Son of Mary.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3228

“The Word of God is communicated by the Holy Spirit and by the same Spirit it must be ministered to us. Even after His Resurrection, it was through the Holy Spirit that Christ gave commandments unto His Apostles. As it was given, so it must be received, not in words, only, but in power and demonstration of the Spirit—and so shall it be sweet to your taste!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3197

“A man will readily sit down and sympathize with a friend’s griefs, but if he sees him honored and esteemed, he is apt to regard him as a rival and does not readily rejoice with him. This ought not to be! Without effort we ought to be happy in our Brother’s happiness. If we are ill, be this our comfort, that many are in robust health! If we are faint, let us be glad that others are strong in the Lord!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3295

“No, my Brothers and Sisters, we cannot go back to the world and to sin! We must cleave to Christ, for there is nowhere else for us to go if we should ever leave Him. Respectable carelessness refuses us and disreputable sin rejects us after we are once united to Christ! Even the world could not endure us when once we have lost our taste for its follies and its sins. We cannot go back, we have burnt our boats and destroyed our

bridges—the only course left to us is to follow our glorious Leader wherever He goes before us here and then to follow Him forever in that blest state where it shall be impossible for us to go away from Him!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3210

“It is a blessed thing to have no liking for such fare as the world can set before you, for those who are satisfied with such food as that will find that they have to digest it in Hell—and long enough will they be in doing so.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3274

“Seek first God and His righteousness, and the help of friends will be added afterwards. Straight forward makes the best running. Out of all troubles, the surest deliverance is from God’s right hand. Therefore from all troubles, the readiest way to escape is to draw near to God in prayer. Go, not to this friend or that, but pour out your story before God.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3164

“If you would be saved by the blood of Jesus, you are not from this day to choose your own pleasures, nor your own ways, nor your own thoughts, nor to serve yourselves, nor live for yourselves or your own aggrandizement. If you would be saved, you must believe what He tells you, do what He bids you and live only to serve and honor Him. I am ashamed to have to say that a great many Christian professors seem to be false to this, their agreement, but, as my Lord will take no less, I dare ask no less of you.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3334

“I dare to say that there is nothing in the Father, there is nothing in the Son and there is nothing in the Holy Spirit which should make any truly repenting and believing sinner say, ‘Mercy is not for me.’ On the contrary, there is a great attraction about each blessed Person of the Divine Trinity to draw sinners to Himself.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3111

“While we worship the Lord, alone, the temple of our heart will be filled with His Glory. But if we set up an idol upon His Throne, we shall soon hear the rushing of wings and the Divine Voice saying, ‘Let Us go from here.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3242

“And when true religion shall have fully operated upon all classes of mankind, none shall need to toil like slaves. They shall only need to perform such an amount of labor as shall be healthful and enduring. When no man oppresses his fellow, the work of gathering what God gives will be no hardship, but a wholesome exercise! The sweat of labor will then be a blessed medicine.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3149

“Get rid of that fear of death, Beloved, for it is not becoming in a Christian. The Believer’s heart should be so stayed upon the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life, that he should leave himself in his Heavenly Father’s hands to live or die, or to wait till the Lord shall come—just as the Lord shall please.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3098

“It was the Spirit of God who gave success to Jesus Christ’s ministry—and if you, dear Friend, would be saved—it is only the Holy Spirit who can take away from you the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3298

“Pray for your ministers, but remember that the comfort cannot come from them. It may come *through* them, but it must come from the Master, Himself. With that exhortation, we will come back to the words of the text, and the gracious promise, ‘*As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you, and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.*’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3189

“Whatever else you question, always believe God!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3145

“Who is ashamed to be a Christian? Yes, who is ashamed to be a Nonconformist Christian? Who is ashamed to be called by the name of that Church to which he belongs? If there are any such here, let them sneak out by the back way, for cowards are not needed in the army of God! But if you know that you are followers of Christ, glory in that blessed fact and never blush at being put to shame for it! No, rather count ‘the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3138

“Hereby our growth in Grace may be ascertained. Is God’s Word very sweet to me this day? Is it like honey to my mouth? Very many of God’s children cannot say this. They can say it as a general rule, but not, perhaps, at the very moment of their present experience. It is a pretty sure sign of growth in spiritual life if God’s Word is more sweet to us than it used to be.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3197

“I can never forget that blessed text, ‘Look unto Me, and be you saved, all the ends of the earth,’ for that was the message that brought peace to my troubled spirit! And no doubt many of you have similar memories concerning the texts which were used by God for your deliverance. It is the Word of God, applied by the Holy Spirit, that is the means of healing sin-sick souls!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3274

“If Judah was praised because his intercession prevailed with Jacob, much more shall Jesus be praised because His intercession prevails with Jehovah! Clap your hands, O you saints, at the remembrance of His prevalence on your behalf when you sought Him out of the depths of your despair! And praise Him that He still lives to carry on His people’s cause above!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3296

“How many congregations there are in which the greatest threat to the people would be a sermon about the Lord Jesus Christ and especially about His substitutionary Sacrifice!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3127

“If everything that we have already received has come from God, let us surrender ourselves and all we have to God! As He has made us, let us live for our Creator! As He has worked all our works in us, let us give up to Him our spirit, soul and body as our reasonable service. Debtors to Free Grace as we are. If others talk about good works, let us go and do them! While the idle dream of self-righteousness leads some men to make sacrifices, let gratitude for Free Grace compel us to make still greater sacrifices.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3084

“The blood of Israel hangs in great clots upon the skirts of Rome and will bring down upon that thrice-accursed system the everlasting wrath of the Most High!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3243

“A man left to himself would break his back under the crushing burden that rests upon him, but that would not have happened to him if he had cast his burden upon the Lord. Many have lost their reason because they tried to carry their cares, themselves, instead of casting all their care upon Him who could easily have carried them and their cares, too.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3214

“It was a brave thing to be a Columbus to discover a new world, but it is a happier thing to go to a country that has been discovered many hundreds of years, where civilization has provided for the supply of all our needs. Christ was the Columbus of Heaven and He has made it ready for us who are to follow Him there when our turn shall come to emigrate to the better land!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3102

“To a true Believer in Jesus, the thought of departing from this world and going to be ‘forever with the Lord,’ has nothing of gloom associated with it! This earth is the place of our banishment and exile—Heaven is our home!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3228

“A prick in the heart [Acts 2:37] is very painful. To be pricked anywhere is not a thing to be desired, but a prick in the heart would not merely be painful, but, in a natural and literal sense, it would be fatal. There are a great many different kinds of impressions made by preachers upon their hearers, but blessed is that preacher who makes a wound right in their hearts!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3094

“You have a notion, perhaps, some of you, that you will sneak into Heaven as secret Christians. Take care that if you try that you do not find yourselves at another gate than the gate of pearl! Christ came not to save those cowardly souls who will not acknowledge Him. His own words are, ‘He that denies Me before men, him will I deny before My Father who is in Heaven.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3334

“As it is with the poor, so is it with the rich—the heart has more to do with making us happy than our possessions have. He whose soul is full of God, faith and contentment, is a truly rich man! The reflection that we can, after all, gather no more than God gives, should make us restful and contented. It teaches us our dependence upon God and tends to lessen our self-confidence, to moderate our desires and to abate our cares.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3149

“Ah, Beloved, there are no gatherings of the people anywhere else like those who come to Christ! It is no small thing that, all these years, the multitudes have gathered in this house, Sabbath by Sabbath, and why do they come? I confidently affirm that the only reason why such crowds gather here is because the preacher’s theme is Christ! Feebly as he sometime preaches, his unvarying theme is the Cross, the precious blood, the all-sufficient Sacrifice of Christ offered once for all on Calvary! This is a theme which never palls upon the ear! This is a subject which never grows stale. ‘We preach Christ Crucified,’ for this is the magnet that draws the people to Him.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3296

“Sorrow for sin is a sweet sorrow, do not desire to escape it! I think Rowland Hill was right when he said that his only regret in going to Heaven would be that he could no more repent. True evangelical repentance is food to the saintly soul! I do not know, Beloved, when I am more perfectly happy than when I am weeping for sin at the foot of the Cross, for that is the safest place in which I can stand.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“Christian, Christ made you for Himself! Yes, He has twice made you for Himself! Therefore lay yourself out for Him—body, soul and spirit—spend all your time, and all your strength, and all your means for Him and Him alone! So you will be in accord with the great purpose of your creation.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3180

“You cannot see the stars in the daytime, but I am told that if you went down a well, even in the daytime, you could see them from there. God often takes His people down the well of affliction and then they can see the stars of the promises. Some of the promises are written in sympathetic ink—if you hold the parchment up to the fire of affliction, they will become visible—but till then, the page will be as if they were never written there at all.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3197

“Do not think that Christ needs a high degree of faith to establish a union between Himself and a sinner, for a grain of mustard seed of faith is sufficient for salvation, though certainly not for the highest degree of comfort. If you can but trust Christ and love Christ, then let not Satan stop you from saying, in the words of the text, [Song 2:16] ‘My Beloved is mine.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3185

“It were far better to not be a Christian than to think Popery to be Christianity, for it is one of the vilest forms of idolatry that ever came from the polluted heart of man!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3243

“The Church nowadays is, for the most part, too strong, too wise, too self-dependent to do much. Oh, that she were more God-reliant! Even those whom you call great preachers will be great evils if you trust to them! This I know—we ought never to complain of weakness, or poverty, or lack of prestige—but should consecrate to God what we have.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3187

“I do not believe you have ever been cured by Christ unless you need to do something to show how grateful you are to Him. A saved soul feels the sacred burdening of love and longs to consecrate itself and all it has to God’s Glory! And if there is one thing that is more difficult than another, the grateful soul says, ‘That is what I should like to do for Christ, to prove my love to Him’” —Volume 57, Sermon #3274

“Will you sell your souls to escape from a fool’s laughter? Then, what a fool you must be! What? Are you so thin-skinned that you cannot bear to be questioned, or to be asked whether you are a follower of the Lord Jesus? Ah, Sir, you shall have that thin skin of yours tormented more than enough in the world to come, when *shame*, which you dread so much, shall be your everlasting portion! O Soul, how can you sell Christ for the applause of men? How can you give Him up for the laughter of fools?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3209

“Whenever we get a missionary society whose main business it is to pray, we shall have a society whose distinguishing characteristic will be that it is the means of saving a multitude of souls!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3178

“I have had to confess and have mentioned it at ministers’ meetings often, and have heard others confess that familiarity with sacred things is a temptation, very often, to lead us to read our Bibles for our congregations and not for ourselves—and to pray *ex officio* instead of praying with our whole hearts to God, ourselves, as though we ourselves needed the blessing!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3163

“By nature you are spiritually dead—and only the Spirit of God can give you spiritual life. By nature you are spiritually blind—and only the Spirit of God can give you spiritual sight. Even the work of Christ on the Cross does not avail for you until the Holy Spirit takes of the things of Christ and reveals them to you.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3298

“O wondrous Fall, which would have broken us hopelessly had it not been for still more marvelous Grace! O wondrous restoration which has lifted us up and made us more perfect than we were before we were broken—and elevated us to a Glory of which we could never have dreamed had we lived with Adam and Eve in Paradise and remained in innocence forever!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3115

“*Others have proven their love to their Lord by the way in which they have given of their substance to His cause.* They have not only given a tithe of all they had to the great Melchizedek, but they have counted it a high privilege to lay all that they had upon His altar, counting that their gold was never so golden as when it was all Christ’s and that their lands were never so valuable to them as when they were gladly surrendered to Him!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3228

“What is faith but the first look at Christ? And what is remembering Him but continuing to look at Him? At any rate, if it is not the same thing, the one act leads up to the other, for never did any soul truly remember Christ without its faith growing.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3130

“Bind your troubles into one burden and then roll it upon the Lord! With your mercies, do just the opposite—cut the string and open the package—they will be no more, but they will give you more joy as you count them and examine them one by one. Take care that your faith grasps the whole mass of blessing stored away in the promise—and mind that you believe that it shall be even as God has told you.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3145

“Beloved, let us repeat what we have said a thousand times before, that national religion is altogether a dream! That even the idea of family religion, excellent as it is, is yet often but a mere idea. The only godliness worth having is personal godliness and the only religion which will really effect salvation is that which is vital and personal to the individual. ‘You must be born-again.’ Now there is no way of being born-again by proxy! The Church of England may invent its “sponsors” at will, but God has nothing to do with such things! I pray you, never let the soul-damning lie of another man standing for you be tolerated in your soul for a single second!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3137

“The spouse does not here (Song 2:3) say that she reached up to the tree to gather its fruit, but she sat down on the ground in intense delight—and the fruit came to her where she sat. It is wonderful how Christ will come down to souls that sit beneath His shadow!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3267

“Oh, if it were for nothing else but that our Savior was of the Jews, we ought to love them and make them the subject of our prayers and of our earnest efforts!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3243

“You can only gather what the Lord grants you. Before preaching, I was trying to find food for you all and I began to pray for it because I remembered that I could only gather for you what the Lord my God gave me. If I bring more than that, it will only be chaff of my own and not good winnowed corn from His garner. I often need to think of this, for I have to feed a great multitude with spiritual meat almost every day in the week. Where is the poor minister to get the supply from if the Lord does not bring it to him?”—Volume 55, Sermon #3149

“Everything that is evil lurks within the heart of everyone that is born of a woman! Education may restrain it, imitation of a good example may have some power in holding the monster down, but the very best of us, apart from the Grace of God, placed under certain circumstances which would cause the evil within us to be developed rather than restrained, would soon prove to a demonstration that our nature was evil, and only evil, and that continually!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3198

“If there is anything that you can do, work as if everything depended upon you—and then trust in God remembering that everything really depends upon Him!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3214

“You must look to Christ, or He will not save you! You must trust in Christ, or His precious blood will not be applied to you! But you will never look to Him or trust in Him unless the Father who sent Him, shall draw you to do so by His Spirit effectually working in you.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3298

“The happiest Church Meetings that we ever have are those when there are many converts coming forward to tell what the Lord has done for their souls! Now the Lord Jesus very dearly loves His Church—she is His spouse—and as a good husband loves to please his wife, so Jesus loves to please His Church! And nothing can please His Church so much as to see sinners saved! So I think that is one good reason why we may expect that He will save many of you.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3111

“We shall all have contributed our quota to the reform of the Church when we are, ourselves, reformed. There can be no better way of promoting general holiness than by increasing in personal holiness. ‘Let us cleanse ourselves.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3245

“O God, You have bid me open my mouth wide and you will fill it, but I do not open my mouth! You are ready to bestow great things upon me, but I am not ready to receive great things! I am straitened, but it is not in You—I am straitened in my own desires!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3083

“As workers, we are to be hidden away in the hand of God, or to quote the other figure, “in His quiver has He hid me”—we are to be unseen till He uses us! It is possible for us not to be known somewhat if the Lord uses us, but we may not aim at being noticed—on the contrary, if we are as much used as the very chief of the Apostles, we must truthfully add, “though I am nothing.” Our desire should be that Christ should be glorified, and that self should be concealed.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3267

“Perhaps some of us have been too severe upon certain people. We have said that they come to our place of worship out of mere curiosity. What if they do? It is well that they come at all, so let us not cut even the spider’s web that links a man in any sense with Christ—hat web may grow into a thread, that thread into a cord, that cord into a cable and there may yet be an unbreakable union between that man and Christ.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3192

“Victory must come to the Lamb that was slain! He shall come from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah. His apparel shall be red, like the garments of him that treads in the wine vat, for all His enemies shall be trodden down in His wrath! And Rome, the harlot church, the chief of all His foes, shall be hurled down like a millstone into the flood and sink to rise no more.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3180

“Now if in our blackest parts of sorrow there is brightness, there must be brightness elsewhere and, indeed, if we were half as inquisitive to find out that which will cheer us, as to discover that of which we may complain, we should soon have reasons of gratitude in the lowest and worst condition!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3164

“Faith is the uniting bond which binds together the Christ in whom we believe and those who believe in Him. If you are truly trusting in Christ, God looks upon you as a part of Christ’s Mystical Body and He is well-pleased with you for Christ’s sake.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3298

“Indeed, it strikes me that the wise man is rather delighted that things are as well as they are, than displeased that they are not any better, for he knows that the best of men are but men at the best. He knows from his own experience that men are very likely to go fast in the way of error and to travel very slowly in the way of right—and so when he does see a cause prosper, or a holy deed done, he is grateful to God for it!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3163

“If we had no idols in children, friends, wealth, ourselves, we would not need half the trials we have! Foolish loves make rods for foolish backs!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, always do what is right! Whatever may come of it, be out-and-out for Christ. Verily I say unto you—there is no man who shall be a loser by Christ at the last! Great shall be his gain who, for Christ’s sake, can give up even all that he has!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3078

“I thank God, also, that we are not mourning as those do who fiendishly regret that accidentally they have done a good thing. You remember how angry Pharaoh was with himself because he had let Israel go—I have known men who have never been penitent till they have, by mistake, done something good, or given too much away!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3325

“The special Truth of God which distinguishes us as a denomination is regarded by many with supreme contempt! Not long ago a professedly Christian minister said that he did not care a penny about Baptism! If he belongs to Christ, he will have to answer to his Master for that saying! But I could not utter such sentence as that without putting my very soul in peril! He who really loves His Lord will not trifle with the least jot or tittle of His Lord’s will.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3228

“I hope none of you are under the impression that, at the close of the present service, I am going *to administer the Lord’s Supper*. God forbid that I should ever venture to do such a thing as that! No, it is you, or *we*, who come to the Lord’s Table, to break bread and to drink of the cup—and we come together, not as a Church holding certain views, but we come simply as Christians to, “do this in remembrance” of the Savior who died for us!...“This do you as often as you drink it,” is no command addressed to an ecclesiastical organization concerning an ordinance to be administered by men who have the impertinence or impudence to call themselves priests, but a command to all Christians everywhere, on any day of the week, and in any place...to break a piece of bread in memory of their Lord’s broken body, and to drink of the cup in mutual loving memory of His precious blood poured out for them!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3099

“God and mammon cannot abide in the same house! Remember that you serve a jealous God and be very careful not to provoke Him to jealousy. Every idol must be cast down, or His comfortable Presence cannot be enjoyed.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3242

“My dear Friend, if you are determined to be damned, leave religion alone altogether—but do not pretend to be a child of God and yet live in sin. To profess to be an heir of Heaven and then to live as an heir of Hell is such detestable hypocrisy that I pray God that all of you may be preserved from ever falling into it! Where the Spirit of God dwells, there is sure to be purity!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3298

“Those who are really chosen of God hear and heed the voice of Christ but those who are not Christ’s chosen ones will not heed His discourse, but will listen to the many voices which attract the ears and the hearts of sinful men. The elect of God are known by this mark, that they hear the voice of Christ! Just as you can find out in a heap of ashes, whether there are any pieces of steel there by simply thrusting in a magnet, so can you find out God’s chosen people by the mighty magnet of Christ’s voice!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3190

“There is nothing so terrible to look upon as injured love. Fiercer than a lion leaping upon its prey is love when once it is incensed. Oil flows smoothly, but it burns furiously—and when the love of Jesus has been finally rejected—then the sight of Him whose head was once crowned with thorns will be more terrifying than anything else to the eyes of those who have rejected Him.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3198

“There are some persons who seem to have been reared on vinegar—who wherever they go, see some defeat—and where this cannot be discovered will insinuate, ‘Ah, well, but we do not know what they do in secret.’ Or, ‘we do not know their motives.’ But those who love one another can see much to rejoice in everywhere.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“Do not forget what you have been told about study and culture, but remember at the same time that the heart has more power in pastoral work than the head. In this ministry, a humble, godly, ill-educated man with a great, warm, heart will be blessed far more than the large-headed man whose heart is a little diamond of rock-ice which could not be discovered without a microscope even if he were dissected!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“Love is one of the most jealous things in the universe. ‘God is a jealous God,’ because ‘God is Love.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3228

“Oh, for more consecration! We are, most of us, up to our ankles in our religion—very few of us are up to our knees. But oh, for the man that swims in it, who has got off the earth altogether and now swims in consecration, living wholly unto Him who loved him and gave Himself for him!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3185

“I believe that the religion of Jesus Christ is so certain a truth to that man who has believed it, that it is so verified to his inner consciousness, and so interweaves itself with his entire being that no proposition of Euclid could ever be more demonstrable, or more absolutely conclusive.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3299

“If you have to mourn an absent God, seek to know the reason why He has withdrawn Himself from you—and repent of the sin that has separated you from Him.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3242

“I have always found that the meaning of a text can be better learned by prayer than in any other way. Of course we must consult lexicons and commentaries to see the literal meaning of the words and their relation to one another—but when we have done all that, we shall still find that our greatest help will come from prayer!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3178

“Many Christians appear to hold their religion as a pious fiction—regarding the promises of God as pretty things for sentimentalism to play with—and His Providence as a poetical idea. We must get out of that evil fashion and make God to be the greatest factor in our daily calculations—the chief force and fact of our lives! We must each one boldly act on the conviction that ‘it shall be even as He has told me.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3145

“If in the winter you complain of the cold, get to the plow and you will soon glow with warmth! But sit down to moan and complain and blow on your blue fingers, you shall feel the cold more and more! Holy activity is the mother of holy joy!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“I have been in a foreign land where there was no congregation to meet for public worship, but the two or three Believers who were there have always broken bread together each Sunday, and it has been to us quite a full service, most strengthening to the soul, when we have gathered around the Table of our Lord to do “this” in remembrance of Him!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3130

“Till we see Christ’s face in Glory and are perfect through His perfections, the Law will be far above us and will continue to condemn us for our shortcomings. But the great reason why men do not comprehend the high spirituality of the Law, its exceeding breadth and wondrous severity, is because they are blind.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3117

“*Adoption* gives us the *privileges* of the children of God. *Regeneration* gives us the *Nature* of the children of God. Adoption admits us into the Divine family. Regeneration makes us akin to the Divine Father—it creates us anew in Christ Jesus and puts into us a spark from the eternal Spirit, Himself, so that we become spiritual beings. Before regeneration, we are only body and soul—but when we are born-again, born from above—we become body, soul and spirit. Being born of the Spirit, we understand spiritual things and have spiritual perceptions which we never possessed before.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3198

“Awakened souls mourn for Jesus as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. You can never stand at the altar and see Jesus bleed without your own heart bleeding if, indeed, the life of God is in you! Can any but a heart of me stone unmoved at the sight of Calvary? Blessed are they who amidst their joy for pardoned guilt wash the pierced feet of Jesus with tears of love and grief!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3325

“But let me tell you, if you believe in Christ you are one of His elect! And it is because He elected you that you come to believe in Him—it is because He chose you that you are led to desire Him and made to accept Him! Let not that Doctrine ever terrify you, or provoke your distrust, for if you rightly understand the Revelation, it is rather a finger beckoning to Christ than a specter that should intimidate you, or drive you away from Him!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3299

“When the Lord descends from Heaven, it will be time enough for us to talk of what He will then do—but till He comes, let us continue to gather the souls He gives us. We are not in such great need of conferences about how to win souls as of men who will do it. I vote for less talk and more work! We cannot have too much prayer, but we certainly need more effort.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3149

“There are three classes of blind people—the physically blind, the mentally blind and the spiritually blind. In illustration, I would take you to the London Road and there you will find these three orders of blind people. There is the school for the blind, where you will find the physically blind. Just before you is the Roman Catholic Cathedral—there you will find the spiritually blind. And further on is the Bethlehem Hospital, commonly called Bedlam, where you will find the mentally blind. These are, then, the three divisions—the naturally, or physically blind; the mentally blind and the spiritually blind.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3139

“There would be no hope of our ever getting to Heaven if we had to depend upon our own efforts, or our own merits, or anything of our own—our comfort arises from the fact that the Covenant is made on our behalf by our great Representative and Redeemer, who will Himself see that all that is guaranteed to us in the Covenant is fulfilled in due season!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3242

“We, too, meet with many who can talk glibly enough of their miseries, but who are silent concerning their mercies! I daresay some of you know old Mrs. Complaint. If you ever go to see her, the moment you sit down she beams to tell you how she has been tormented all the week with rheumatism and then she says troubles never come alone, for that son of hers gives her constant anxiety, and her neighbors are continually slandering her—and so on, and so on.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3214

“If it is written on all your hearts by the Holy Spirit, you will not need any other sermon than this Divine text—‘Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on Me has everlasting life.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3192

“Is a Christian to be afraid of man and conceal his principles for fear he should be ridiculed? God forbid! Leave shame for those who have no religion, or have a religion which is of no value! Let us be true witnesses for Christ in life and death, worthy of the ancestors that went before us and mindful of the eyes which rest upon us.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3165

“For your own sake, and for the sake of those whom you would bless, you must see to it that sitting at the Savior’s feet is not neglected, even though it is under the specious pretext of waiting upon Him. The first thing for our soul’s health, the first thing for His Glory and the first thing for our own usefulness is to keep ourselves in perpetual communion with the Lord Jesus—and to see that the vital spirituality of our religion is maintained over and above everything else in the world!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3163

“It is said that there is a lack of love in certain churches that profess to be Christian. Well, perhaps there is. I am not going to be an accuser of the brethren in that respect, but I believe there is a great deal more love existing among Christians than many persons imagine. Possibly, those who say there is a lack of love in our midst judge by the state of their own hearts, while those who really love the saints find that the saints also love them.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3300

“The builder uses many poles that are not part of the permanent building, but as soon as the house is up, down goes the scaffolding. So God may permit us to be scaffolding for His Church, and when that Church is completed, He may take us down and we may be consumed in the fire of Hell. Oh, may the Lord grant that this may never be so with any one of us! Deacons and Elders of churches, the same may be said of you! If bearing the vessels of the Lord you are not clean, have not been washed in the great laver of the Savior’s Atonement, remember that this bearing this Lord’s vessels will not save you! Just as the carrying of bread and meat by the ravens did not put them in the list of clean birds, but left them still unclean.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3264

“Our duty is not to judge whether such-and-such a course will be profitable or beneficial, but to consider whether such-and-such a course is in accordance with the Word of the Lord!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3228

“People are not made to grow in Grace as plants grow, of which it is said, ‘They grow you know not how.’ The Christian is developed by actively seeking growth, by earnestly striving after holiness and resolutely endeavoring to obtain it.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3245

“That man is worthy of being called a man who dares to do right whatever others may do or say.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3090

“I think it is conclusively proven that Jesus died of a broken heart. The most careful investigation of the symptoms preceding His death appears to lead to that conclusion. He could say, with an emphasis that was not possible even with David, ‘Reproach has broken My heart and I am full of heaviness.’ The broken-hearted Savior is the Healer of broken-hearted sinners!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3104

“There is a day coming when all Christ’s sheep shall pass again under the hand of Him that counts them—and in that day, not one of the whole redeemed flock shall be missing! As the long roll of God’s ransomed family is called, it shall be asked, ‘Is Little-Faith here?’ And he will answer to his name not at all in the trembling way in which he used to speak when he was upon earth. When it is asked, ‘Is Miss Much-Afraid here?’ she will reply, in jubilant tones, ‘Glory be to God, I am here!’ No matter how weak and feeble you may be, if you are a child of God, you shall certainly be there and the inheritance shall assuredly be yours!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3198

“We cannot help feeling that blindness has seized the church of Rome when she boasts of the commission to feed Christ’s sheep having been given to the Apostle Peter, when, with half an eye anyone can see that our Lord addressed these words to Peter because at that time he was the least of the twelve! He had denied his Master, The others had not and, therefore, he was the one concerning whose Apostleship distrust was most likely to arise!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“Oh, Friends, if the frost of sin rules in a Church, every tender flower is injured and nothing flourishes! Love is a sensitive plant and if it is touched by the finger of sin, it will show it. The lilies of Love’s Paradise cannot bloom amid the smoke and dust of unholiness!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3301

“Certain persons *dream* that God is their salvation! Go to bed and dream again, and dream fifty times, and when you have dreamed the same thing fifty times, there can and will be nothing but dreaming in it after all! You who build on dreams had better mind what you are doing!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3137

“Dear Friends, that sword was so keen and piercing that it cut Him to the very soul. I talk of these great Truths of God very simply, for I do not think there is any occasion here for using flowers of speech. But if we were as we ought to be, we should be very deeply affected at the thought

that the Son of Man most perfect, and the Son of God most glorious, should have the sword of Divine Vengeance against sin plucked out of its scabbard that it might be used upon Him!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3088

“Perhaps our faith has got to be very low. ‘O Lord, will You destroy my little faith? I know there is sin in it. To be so unbelieving as I am is no little crime, but Lord, I thank You that I have *any* faith. It is weak and trembling, but it is faith of Your own giving! Oh, break not the poor leaf that is driven to and fro!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3269

“Scripture promises have, all of them, a message to all Believers—and if you believe in Jesus Christ—what God has said to other Believers of old He says this day to you!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3150

“Oh, if the Lord would but convert some of the cardinals and priests of the Church of Rome—and some of the great infidel philosophers of the present day, and some of the licentious ‘nobility,’ as they are called—what high honor would be brought to the name of Jesus Christ!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3111

“Albeit sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit, yet it is equally true and this we must always bear in mind, that the Holy Spirit makes us active agents in our own sanctification!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3245

“If today you have indulged an unholy temper, if you have given way to covetousness, if you have in any way transgressed against the Lord, you will not feel that warmth of love towards Jesus Christ which you felt yesterday! Your life will have lost much of its beauty and its sweetness. Cry to God that He would give it back to you! Do not rest satisfied until it is perfectly restored.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3301

“Comfort God’s people and labor at the same time to win sinners to Jesus—and the love of your heart shall bring untold blessings into your own bosom! Happiness is contagious and the cheerfulness of your piety will be so attractive that the careless and indifferent will be allured to the ways of piety. Do not run about with ill news, but make your communications joyous by mixing up the glad tidings of salvation with your cheerful daily talk!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3145

“In the Presence of the Royal Intercessor who pleads for us day and night, one would think there would be some interest excited! But no, the multitude warm their hands and think nothing of Him. In His Presence, they forget His redeeming love, neglect His great salvation and remain without God and without Christ. This is terrible! As I see the worldling merely caring for his personal comfort while Christ is in Glory, I marvel, first, at the insolence of the sinner and, secondly, at the Infinite Patience of the Savior!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3181

“Let us not forget that *our souls need to be fed* and this I say to some of you who do but little for the Lord Jesus, and may be said neither to work nor to eat. Look at the mass of our Christian people, what do they do? Monday morning early at business and on till Saturday evening late at business! What is their reading? The daily paper! I condemn it not, but of what use is this to their *souls*?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3199

“We speak with bated breath when we say that to some men, a painful break-down has been the making of them. They became from that time, free from their former self-esteem and were as cleansed and emptied vessels, fit for the Master’s use! A deep sense of our weakness and a humbling consciousness of unworthiness form a considerable part of our qualification for dealing with Christ’s sheep. Because you are a sinner, you will deal lovingly with sinners. Because you know what backsliding means, you will be very gentle and forbearing with backsliders.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“A man who is really saved by Grace does not need to be told that He is under solemn obligations to serve Christ—the new life within him tells him that. Instead of regarding it as a burden, he gladly surrenders himself—body, soul and spirit, to the Lord who has redeemed him, reckoning this to be his reasonable service.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3229

“Do you not feel, beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, whenever you meet a Believer in Jesus, and begin to talk of the things that belong to His Kingdom, you have fellowship with him in heart and spirit even though you had never seen him before? When we talk of Jesus, our love to one another soon begins to flow! The true basis of our communion with one another is that we are there in Christ Jesus—and that union manifests itself in love to all who are, as our text puts it, ‘brethren beloved of the Lord.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3300

“If you are over a 100 years old, yet, as you are a creature, I have to preach the Gospel to you and the Gospel is, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved!’ So, if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, however great your age may be, or however many times you may have refused to believe on Him, there is no doubt about God’s willingness and power to still receive, pardon and accept you!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3262

“Brothers and Sisters, it is so sweet to know that our best things are ahead. O Sinner, you are leaving your best things behind and you are going to your worst things! But the Christian is going to his best things. His turn is coming. He will have the best of it before long, for the shadows will flee away! No longer shall he be vexed, and grieved, and troubled, but he shall be eternally in the light, for the shadows *shall* flee away!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3185

“There is one consideration which has done me a deal of good and it is this—that *the Lord Jesus got on very well before we were born, and it is very likely that He will get on exceedingly well when we are dead.*”—Volume 55, Sermon #3163

“O Christian, you may very well doubt your right to that name unless all sin is obnoxious to you! You have no right to say, ‘I will give up pride and vanity,’ if you excuse yourself for being covetous. If covetousness is the leak in your vessel, it will sink it quite as surely as pride!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3245

“When I hear Brothers and Sisters say how amazing it is that God has heard prayer, I think it far more amazing that they should talk so, for surely it is not surprising that God should keep His Word! No, these are the commonplace of genuine Christianity—a prayer-giving God working in the heart—and a prayer-answering God working both in Providence and in Grace. Brothers and Sisters, never be slow to bear your testimony to a prayer-hearing God.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3165

“I will let no man or woman in this congregation take a place before me in obligation to the Most High! Brothers and Sisters, we are all debtors, but I count myself most of all a debtor! I boast that I have nothing to boast of! I would desire to lie the lowest and to take the meanest place, for I owe most of all to the Grace of God!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3131

“We hear a great deal about the universal fatherhood of God, but it is all nonsense! There is no Scripture for it whatever. Those only are the children of God who are ‘the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3194

“Providence may be seen as the finger of God, not merely in those events which shake nations and are duly emblazoned on the page of history, but in little incidents of common life—yes, in the motion of a grain of dust, the trembling of a dew-drop, the flight of a swallow or the leaping of a fish!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3075

“There is a straight line from my heart to the heart of God—and so there is from your heart, my Brother or my Sister in Christ—so our Father’s heart is our common meeting place.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3300

“The Doctrine of Election is not one about which you need trouble yourself just now. Begin to read your Bible and the Gospel according to Matthew, and see there how you are bid to repent and invited to come to Christ. When you have done that, you can go on to the Epistles and read about election and all the other Doctrines of Grace, but your first business is to repent of sin and to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3262

“I would like—oh, that I might realize it—to ‘follow the Lamb wherever He goes.’ Not to say, ‘This is not essential, and that might be dispensed with,’ but, like the Master, Himself, to say, ‘Thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3102

“Through His Sovereign Grace, He loves many of the poor, darkened sons of men. Blind men are not chosen for soldiers except in the army of God, but in that army He enlists many blind warriors and makes them the best of His soldiers! Yes, blind saints, God loves you and will not exclude you from Heaven!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3139

“When will God’s people perceive that it is not enough to be born-again, but that the life then received must be nourished daily with the Bread of Heaven. It is not enough to be spiritually alive—our life, to be vigorous—must be familiar with its Source. Every Christian should know that he needs times for supplying his soul with the meat which endures unto life eternal. As the body needs its mealtimes, so must you sit down to your heavenly Father’s table until He has satisfied your mouth with good things and renewed your strength like the eagle’s. The more intensely earnest we are in feeding upon the Word of God, the better!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3199

“We may lead blind men to Jesus, but we cannot open their eyes. We can, in a measure, indicate to them what spiritual sight is and we may explain to them what their own sad condition is—but we cannot open their eyes! Neither can anyone but God alone open their eyes.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3117

“God has so linked you with His Son that He has made you also to have a life which is eternal and which can never die. Let all things else perish and the pillars of the universe crumble and decay, and the whole visible creation fall with thunderous crash, yet you, the Beloved of the Lord, shall dwell safely with Him!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3246

“There are certain sacred passwords that are common to all the saints and I will defy the hypocrite or the worldling to pronounce them aright—but if he should be able to utter them with his lips—he can never really know their meaning in his heart.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3300

“If you wish to save yourselves, do it, but God will have no share in the work under such conditions. If He is to save you, He must be Alpha and Omega—He must have all the praise because He gives all the power.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3262

“I believe that the Peter of the Epistles grew out of the Peter of the Sea of Tiberias and the Peter of the denial, by means of the Grace given him, while feeding the flock of God. Peter was a bigoted, narrow-minded Jew—he could not readily believe that any others beyond the chosen nation were to be saved! But when he mixed with mankind and was sent to the house of Cornelius, his heart grew larger, although it was not as large as it should have been till Paul boldly withstood him to his face because he was to be blamed! “Feed My sheep” is, therefore, Beloved, a commission intended for your own good as well as theirs.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“It is not remarkable that a minister gets skeptical if he never sees conversions. The proof of the Gospel lies in what it does. If it does not save men from sinning, if it does not lift up the fallen, if it does not give light and joy to the despairing, then surely it lacks the evidences of its Divine mission—for even Jesus Christ, Himself, gave to His own mission this as the proof—“The deaf hear, the blind see, the lepers are cleansed, the poor have the Gospel preached to them.’ If these things are not true now, we may doubt whether the Gospel which we preach is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But we can bear witness and, oh, how joyfully we do it—that the Gospel has not lost its power!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3165

“Let a man once know what sin really is and he needs nothing else to make him thoroughly unhappy.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3229

“Oh, that every Christian enterprise were commenced with prayer, continued with prayer and crowned with prayer! Then might we, also, expect to see it crowned with God’s blessing!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3178

“So, if our fretting over God’s work would improve it, Brothers and Sisters, let us fret! Let us fret together in harmony! But if it really will not, and if after having done all we can in prayer and holy work, the thing does not go on quite as well as we could wish it, then let us say, ‘My Master, let it be according to Your will, and if it is according to Your mind, it is sure to be according to my mind, or if not, Lord, give me a better mind.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3163

“And, higher still, there is a Divine nourishment in Communion when the soul ascends to Jesus Christ and feeds on the Lord, Himself, when the Incarnate God becomes the soul’s Bread and the bleeding Savior in His substitutionary Sacrifice, becomes the heart’s wine. Feed on Him, O Beloved, you who have lately come to Him! Eat, yes, drink abundantly, O Beloved! May the Lord give you a mighty hunger after His Word, after Himself and then lead you by the still waters, and make you to lie down in green pastures!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3199

“If we could go through the wards of Bethlehem Hospital, not far away from us, and see the many forms of madness represented, I think each one of us would be moved to say, ‘My God, I thank You that, however poor or sick I am, You have preserved me from such mental affliction as many have to bear.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3244

“If my sermons kept people from reading the Bible for themselves, I would like to see the whole stock in a blaze and burned to ashes! But if they serve as finger-posts, pointing to the Scriptures and saying, ‘Read this, and this, and this,’ then I am thankful to have printed them. But if they keep you from your Bibles, burn them, burn them, burn them! Do not let them overlay the Scriptures, but lie beneath them, for that is their proper place. Keep you first to God’s revealed Word.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“One unrepented sin. One sin indulged in and delighted in will as effectually stop the gates of Heaven against your soul as if you were living in fornication, adultery, or murder! Your heart must hate all sin and your heart must love all holiness.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3073

“Nobody has ever had his hunger satisfied by hearing a discourse about bread! It is bread itself that is needed to feed the hungry, so keep on, dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, giving the Bread of Life to starving souls!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3127

“You cannot understand your Lord till you have wept over your congregations! You will understand *Him* then, as you see Him weeping over Jerusalem. If you feel towards your hearers that you could die to save their souls, you will then have fellowship with the death of your Lord. In grief over backsliders and joy over penitents you will commune with the Redeemer in the most practical manner.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3211

“In former days our fathers counted it a small thing to go to prison for a Doctrine, or to be burnt to death for a testimony! Look at the multitudes in Holland who were drowned, or who were tied to ladders and roasted to death for nothing but their conviction that Believers should be baptized!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3301

“Every time we stay from a labor because we covet ease, every time we are impatient at the suffering which the Cross involves, every time we “make provision for the flesh, to obey the lusts thereof,” every time we seek ease where He toiled, honor where He was put to shame and luxury where He endured an ignominious death, we are like Peter among the ribald throng, warming our hands at the fire while our Lord is buffeted and shamefully entreated!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3181

“The answer to some prayers would be a dire calamity! Some pray for riches, and they get it—but they also get leanness in their soul. Some ask for earthly honors and success, and get them, but with them they also get leanness in their soul. And if a man is lean in his soul, it is not much good being fat anywhere else.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3193

“Oh, if you are sick of the world, come to my Master! May God the Holy Spirit sanctify this sickness and bring you to Jesus because you have nowhere else to go. Jesus will not spurn even the devil’s castaways! The sweepings of humanity who have gone so far that their friends reject them, Jesus Christ will accept and bless!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3272

“Beloved, he who receives Christ both as Prince and Savior has the blessed and happy experience of resigning his own will and subjecting all the passions of his soul to the sacred control of his glorious Prince and, at the same time he daily realizes in his soul the cleansing power of the precious blood of Jesus and so, as Mary sang, his spirit rejoices in God his Savior.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3229

“Perhaps I am addressing members of a bereaved Church. You have lost a man of God who went in and out among you as Moses did among the children of Israel in the wilderness—and you are asking, ‘Where is his successor to come from?’ Perhaps there is a Joshua within sight, but you are half afraid as to whether he will have the power needed to carry on the great work. Trust that the God who was with Moses will also be with Joshua and take this promise home to your own heart—and say to each of your fellow members in the sorrowing Church that the Lord has said, ‘I will not fail you, nor forsake you.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3150

“We do not pray as if we believed. Believing prayer is a grasping and a wrestling, but ours is a mere puffing and blowing, a little breathing—not much more. God is true and we pray to Him as if He were false. He means what He says, and we treat His Word as if it were spoken in jest. The master-fault of our prayer is lack of faith.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3083

“Dear and blessed was the woman who bore us, nursed us and cared for us as no one else could have done! Yet this mortal life of ours would have been a curse to us if Jesus had not come to redeem us from eternal death and shown us a greater love even than our mother’s!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3092

“There are certain experiences that cannot be learned without the teaching of the Holy Spirit. There is a certain way of speaking about Christ that can never be acquired as a parrot learns to talk. There is a certain ring which God gives to His gold which is never bestowed upon baser metal—and there is a certain something about a true child of God which enables him to recognize others of the same family and which also enables them to recognize him so that, when they come together, their hearts leap up at the thought that they are ‘brethren beloved of the Lord.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3300

“Oh, may we always be kept at peace! I bless God for the love that has reigned among us. May it continue and may it deepen! Beloved Friends, when we fall out with one another, we shall find that the Spirit of God has fallen out with us! We cannot expect to see young converts among us at all, much less can we hope to see them advance in Divine Grace, if we indulge a party spirit, or a controversial spirit within the fold. All Believers should endeavor to maintain a sacred quiet within the Church for the sake of the little ones.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3199

“Paul was Inspired when he wrote to the Philippians, ‘Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice.’ And I believe it is the cheerful Christian, and especially the Christian who can be happy in sickness, patient under adversity and joyous even in the hour of death, who will win fresh adherents for the Lord Jesus Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3214

“How thankful we all ought to be that we are not in prison! Does it seem improbable that such good people as we are could ever be numbered among the law-breakers of the land? You know how Hazael said to Elisha, ‘Is your servant a dog, that he should do this great thing?’ Yet he did all that the Prophet foretold—and but for the restraining Grace of God, you and I, dear Friends, might have been suffering the agony and remorse that many are tonight enduring in the prisons of this and other lands!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3244

“If such a thing were possible, I cannot conceive of a more lamentable condition than for a man to have the happiness of salvation without the holiness of it! Happily, it is not possible. If you could be saved from the consequences of sin, but not from the sin itself, and its power and pollution, it would be no blessing to you. But the salvation to which God has from the beginning chosen you is inseparably linked with the cleansing and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, who operates within you through the instrumentality of faith.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3300

“The world looks on a man under scoffing and ridicule to observe how he behaves. And if he conducts himself like a Christian, it feels his power and respects his consistency. Give way a little, and you will have to give way more—and be despised! But adherence to principle commands respect. Put your foot down! Stand firmly where God would have you stand, and your testimony will gather value from the very ridicule which is poured upon it.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3165

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, if you have not something more than what Nature gave you, you will perish! If you are not something higher than the best morality, the most exact discipline and the most consistent moral behavior can make you, you will never enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. ‘You must be born-again!’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3275

“I think that one of the grandest passages in the whole Word of God is Psalm 147:3, 4—‘He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by their names.’ Does it not seem to be a great stoop from marshalling the stars to bending down over poor broken hearts and closing up their wounds?”—Volume 54, Sermon #3104

“Christ Crucified is the foundation of all our hopes, for Christ could not have risen from the dead if He had not first died. Of what use would His plea be if He had not His blood to offer? Do not be led astray even by ideas about the Second Advent if they depreciate the death of Christ! Rejoice in Christ’s Second Coming and look and long for it, but remember that the basis of our hope lies in Christ Crucified. ‘We preach Christ Crucified’ and as we have preached so have you believed, so let none turn you away from your confidence in Christ Jesus suffering in the sinner’s place.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3099

“I believe that we make more real advance in the Divine Life in an hour of prayer than we do in a month of hearing sermons. I do not mean that we are to neglect the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but I am sure that without the praying, the hearing is of little worth!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3178

“If we ever get upon the mountain summit and bask our foreheads in the sunlight of fellowship with God, we stand there only by faith! It is because our faith is strong and in active exercise that we realize the things not seen as yet, and behold the God whom mortal eyes cannot gaze upon!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3265

“It is easy to have a faith that acts backwards, but a faith that will act forwards—a faith for the present and for the future is the true faith—and the faith that you need now.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3215

“The way to assurance is *through the door of simple faith*. The Gospel is, ‘He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.’ To believe is to trust Christ. Now, if I know that I trust Christ and that I have, in obedience to His command, been baptized, then God says I shall be saved and is not that enough for me? Ought it not to be, at any rate? If God says it, it must be true!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3137

“I know that however many may preach the Gospel better than I do, there is no one who can preach a better Gospel than the one I preach, for it is that Gospel which ‘is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.’ ‘Our Gospel’ is the best of gospels, the richest of gospels, it cannot be excelled, it cannot be equaled! In fact, it is the only Gospel that is worthy of the name!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3300

“As for any affliction that you ever can have to endure on earth, it is not merely light, it is absolutely unworthy of mention in comparison with the eternal woe that is the portion of the lost! Be thankful that, up to the present moment, this has not been your portion—and lest it should be—flee at once for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before you in the Gospel!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3244

“There are preachers who preach mere morality. I trust their number is smaller than it used to be, but there are still too many professedly Christian ministers who are like that notable man who said that he preached morality till there was no morality left in the place. Yet afterwards, when he imitated Paul and preached Christ crucified, he soon found that vice hid her dishonored head and that all the Graces and virtues flourished under the shadow of the Cross! So have we found it and, therefore, whoever may preach anything else, we shall still stick to the old-fashioned theme that Paul preached—that old, old story which the seeker after novelties condemns as stale, but which, to the man who needs eternal life and longs for something that will satisfy his conscience and satiate his heart—has a freshness and charm which the lapse of years only intensifies, but does not remove!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3229

“We are accustomed to sing to Him as pleading before the Eternal Throne, but we must forever banish from our minds all idea of His needing to plead because God is unwilling to hear! No, what the Son desires, the Father desires—that which He seeks at the Divine Throne is flowing from that Throne—but His intercession is not the cause of it, but the channel through which it comes to us!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3329

“John Bunyan says if you send a servant off for the doctor and you tell him to go on horseback as fast as ever he can—and there is but a very sorry nag in the stable, so the man uses the spur and the whip, and tugs at the bridle, but cannot make the horse go—you see that the man would go if he could, and so you do not blame him. So, he says, our poor flesh is that sorry nag, but the spirit is willing, and Jesus Christ looks on us and says—‘Truly the flesh is weak, he would go if he could.’ And so He takes the will for the deed and does not blame us, but covers our faults in the mantle of His love.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3163

“There are people about who seem to be cut on the cross and the only use they are in this world seems to be to raise irritating questions. They and the mosquitoes were created by Infinite Wisdom, but I have never been able to discover the particular blessing which either of them confer upon us!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3199

“The world is against the true faith. The faith of God’s elect is not a flower that men delight to admire and praise—it is a thing which, wherever they see it, they count as a speckled bird and they are sure to be against it! If you have faith in God, remember that this is not the world of faith, but the world of unbelief—and the darkness that is in the world will try to quench your Light!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3265

“Oh, hearts that are to glow forever with delight in the Presence of the Reigning One, who once was crucified, what ails you if you grow cold when you most need His love and are receiving most from Him? I cannot bear it that we should love Jesus so little! It seems to me horrible! Not to have your heart all on fire for Christ Jesus is immoral! Let us love Him to the utmost! Let us ask Him to give us larger hearts and to fire them with the same love that is in His own, that we may love Him to the utmost possibilities of affection!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3301

“It is a very familiar thing for us who are sitting here to hear the Gospel, but will you just carry your minds back some two or three thousand years to the period when this Psalm was written? What was then known concerning salvation was known almost exclusively by the Jews. Here and there, a proselyte was led into the bonds of the Covenant, but for the most part, the whole world lay in heathen darkness. Where there was the seal of circumcision, there were the oracles of God—but as for the sinners of the Gentiles, they knew nothing whatever concerning the Truth of God.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3086

“An aged Christian who has little or nothing to say for his Master is a sad drawback to young beginners. I very greatly deprecate the example of some who have long been professors, but who still remain babes in Christ, if they are in Christ at all. It is a great pity to see the head white with the sunlight of Heaven, and yet so little of Heaven in the daily conversation. Rise up, you grave and reverend sires, and declare the faithfulness of our God!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3165

“I think this must have been a sort of proverb or common saying among the early Christians, ‘The Lord has said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you,’ and that it was one of the things that they constantly said, the one to the other. I wish that we had more such holy proverbs current among us nowadays—that our common sayings were more worth saying than they often are, and that our proverbial philosophy were more truly Christian philosophy!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3150

“We may well say that no affliction weighs more than a gnat resting upon an elephant when the Lord’s upholding Grace is sweetly manifested to our soul in times of perplexity, anxiety and pain. It is just then that Jesus often so graciously reveals Himself to us that we even come to love the cross that brings Him specially near to us.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3244

“I am always afraid of a dry-eyed repentance and, mark you, if forgiveness should be granted to those who were not sorry for their sin, such forgiveness would tend to aid and abet sin—and would be no better than the Romish heresy that when you have sinned, all you have to do is to confess it to a priest, pay a certain sum of money according to the regular Roman tariff and start over again on your career of evil. God forbid that we should ever fall into that snare of the devil!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3229

“In the Infallible Truth of God, which has been revealed by the Holy Spirit, there is no possibility of progress or advance! He has been pleased to reveal the whole Truth, so there is nothing more to be revealed! We can continually search further and deeper into the Truth that has been revealed, and so may be enabled, by the help of the Spirit of God, to speak better concerning it, but better Truth we never shall have and “another Gospel” we never will declare! We should certainly be “accursed” if we did, for there is but one Gospel—and to that Gospel we shall remain steadfast, God helping us—even to the end.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3127

“In our peace of soul, if God has given it to us by lot and by inheritance, some thorns and thistles must and will spring up in this present world.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3265

“I have preached in places whose spiritual temperature was that of an icehouse and, preach as hard as I could, nothing could possibly come of it, for my words fell to the ground like lumps of ice! Colder and colder Churches become till, at last, the great God who breaks up icebergs in due season, destroys a Church and its place knows it no more.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3301

“I charge you, Brothers and Sisters, remember that if you cannot be admitted into ‘society’ without concealing your principles, you are far better off without society! Has not our Lord called us to go outside the camp? Are we not warned against being conformed to this world? Deny yourselves the warm place around society’s charcoal brazier, for its sulphurous vapor will do you more harm than the cold!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3181

“Wonderful is the capacity of faith, but a hundred times more wonderful is the capacity of unbelief. The most credulous persons in the world are unbelievers. He who refuses to swallow the gnat of Scriptural difficulty, usually swallows camels in large quantities of other difficulties of all sorts!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3112

“Let your brightest thoughts, Beloved, always be those that concern your Lord! And above all the joys of earth let this joy rise to the very zenith—that your heavenly Father thinks of you!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3246

“The medicine not received may be very potent, but the man cannot know its value—and the promise of God may be very sweet and precious, but it cannot comfort you unless it is applied. Do ask, then, for Grace that you may believe while you are still under the cloud, black as it looks, that it will empty itself in blessed rain upon you.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3215

“Happy, happy child, whose earliest work is work for God, whose earliest hearing is hearing the voice of God, whose earliest breath is spent in the praise of God! God grant, of His infinite mercy, that our children may be such children, and He shall have the praise!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3082

“When I hear of one minister after another giving up the old-fashioned Gospel, [1866] do you know what I say to myself? I resolve that I will stick the closer to it! If the many cannot bear Calvinistic Doctrine, I will be more Calvinistic than ever! The more men do not like the Truths of God, the more they shall have it! Let this be our line of action. If men become more worldly, we will become more Puritanical. If professing Christians do not exhibit the spirit of Christ, we will ask our Lord to give us sevenfold of His spirit, that we may maintain His Truths!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3301

“He [God] taught us to desire when we neither willed nor ran, and so fulfilled the text, ‘it is not of him that wills, nor of him that runs, but of God that shows mercy.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3329

“That word, ‘blood,’ is one of the most solemn and most important in the whole of Scripture! ‘The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin,’ is one of the most weighty of all the Truths of Revelation—and he that speaks that Doctrine stammeringly, or who holds it without confidence, had better go to his bed—but never to his pulpit, for he cannot win souls! Let him repent of his iniquity, but never pretend to be a minister of Christ!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3275

“Now if you, dear Brother and Sister, want to shine before God and be among the illustrious elect who the Lord makes as stars in the Church’s history, *pray for patience towards men and patience towards God*. Pray for bright eyes to find out the light even in the darkness. Pray to always lean wholly upon God and keep yourself upon Him. You will glorify God in that way and you will be the means of bringing others to God. Distrustful preachers do not win souls. Moaning and repining Sunday school teachers will not bring children to Christ. ‘The joy of the Lord is our strength.’ The patience which makes us possess our souls gives us the fullness of the blessing of the Lord!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3164

“I am glad our friends do not universally call out in the Tabernacle, ‘Hallelujah,’ and, ‘Hosannah,’ and the like. But, for my part, when I am preaching in the open air in the country and our Methodist friends do so, it seems to stir my blood and I am glad of it. It is much better than having a sleepy congregation!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3199

“We are all somewhat blind. We have all, we must confess, an imperfect vision—except the “Pope” who claims to be infallible and, therefore, proves that He is more blind than the rest of us! There are some of us who feel our fallibility in point of judgment and who are obliged to acknowledge our ignorance and lack of clear mental perception.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3139

“True Bible readers and Bible searchers never find it wearisome. They like it least who know it least and they love it most who read it most.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3246

“We believe the Holy Spirit to be no mere influence, no inferior or secondary power of moral suasion, but to be absolutely Divine—a Divine Being exerting irresistible force upon the mental powers of man!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3215

“The rich should give that they may be rich and the poor that they may become rich—for those who give shall usually find that God returns it into their bosoms abundantly.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3275

“Trust in Jesus, for this is the vital sign by which we discern those who are chosen of the Father, regenerated by the Holy Spirit and redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus! If you truly believe in Jesus, you are born of God—you need not fear that you shall ever perish, but you may even now rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of Glory!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3302

“Some whom I have known have ventured very far upon very dangerous ground to win the affection of a chosen object. There is no wiser precept in Holy Scripture than that which commands Christians to marry “only in the Lord.” It never can conduce to take comfort of any Christian man or woman to be unequally yoked together with an unbeliever—you had far better remain in the cold of your bachelor or spinster life than warm your hands at the fire of unhallowed marriage.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3181

“It is a blessed thing to be driven to despair as to any ability of our own to do any good, for we never rely wholly on God’s power as long as we have any confidence in our own. While the preacher imagines that he can do something, he will do nothing. While teachers or parents entertain the belief that there is some innate power in themselves with which they can do God’s work, they are not on the right track, for God will not work through those who believe in their own self-sufficiency.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3117

“If ever a man ought to concentrate all his faculties and pray to be in the best mental order, it should be when he comes to study the Word of God upon matters which concern his noblest being.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3303

“If the Lord of Hosts is with us, what grounds can there be for fear? I know of no supposable dangers, no imaginable troubles, no conceivable difficulties through which, and out of which, and beyond which this text will not carry us, if by faith we grasp it, ‘He has said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3150

“It is an admirable plan to fix your thoughts upon some text of Scripture before you leave your bedroom in the morning—it will sweeten your meditation all the day.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3090

“So let us be thankful if God sends us a glowing and zealous minister, for even those who count it an affliction to have a minister, would be more afflicted if they had not a good one! But how evil it is when men get itching ears, when they need someone to be perpetually tickling them, giving them some pretty things, some fine pretentious intellectualism! In all congregations there is good to be done, except in a congregation having itching ears. From this may God deliver us!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3331

“If we want to bring up a godly family who shall be a seed to serve God when our heads are under the clods of the valley, let us seek to train them up in the fear of God by meeting together as a family for worship.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“We hear a great deal, nowadays, about the liberty of ministers to preach what they like, but what about the liberty of the people? Are they not to be considered? Are churches made for ministers, or ministers made for churches? After the people have elected a man to be their pastor, and he changes his views, it is only common honesty that he should say so and no longer pretend to preach what he does not believe, or to belong to a church with which he is not sincerely in sympathy.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3200

“As we look back over our past experience, we see how precious our trials have been to us. Someone said, ‘Give me back my bed of languishing. Give me back the aches and pains that I suffered in that long trying illness if I may but have such enjoyment of my Master’s Presence as I had then.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3246

“Suppose I do now hate some sin that I once loved or that I hate all sin? No credit is due to me, for that abhorrence of sin is what I ought always to have had! God had the right to claim from me the hatred of sin of every sort, but that hatred does not discharge the debt which I owe to God. I will go further than that and say that no one ever repents of sin so thoroughly as he does when he knows that it is forgiven.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3229

“An ordinary Christianity is not worth the picking up, but the true Christianity that wraps a man up and envelopes him as the bush was enveloped in the fire and was not consumed—that will make you happy—that will make the eyes to flash and the soul to beat high with a more than earth-born joy!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3275

“It is a bad thing for a man not to know a little of all sciences, but a man may go to Heaven well enough if he knows only the science of Christ Crucified. Not to know Jesus will shut you out of Heaven though you had all the degrees of all the universities in the world appended to your name! Ignorance of Him who is the Savior of sinners is ignorance of the remedy for your soul’s disease, ignorance of the key which unlocks Heaven’s gate, ignorance of Him who can kindle the lamp of life in the sepulchers of death! Oh, I pray you, if you have been hitherto ignorant of the Savior, be not satisfied till you know Him!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3085

“The God of Israel had given rules for the preservation of the Scriptures, but they had evidently fallen into disuse. It is expressly laid down in the Book of Deuteronomy that each king was to copy out the Book of the Law for himself. We have no evidence that any one of them did so.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3303

“We were told, the other day, that Calvinism is almost obsolete, but we do not mind what men say about it—we believe that it will yet see everything else obsolete! When modern culture has been blown away, like the thistle down from the side of the hill, the Gospel I have preached will

stand like the eternal hills themselves, outliving every opposition, for God Himself has piled this Truth like a mighty mountain and it shall stand fast till Christ Himself shall come! Not a jot or tittle of it shall ever pass away.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3127

“When you have read the Bible through a score of times, you may have only walked over the surface then, or plowed, at most, the upper soil. If you take one passage and dig deep for the treasure that couches beneath, you will find it inexhaustible! This Book has in it a matchless fullness. It were as possible to measure space, or to grasp the infinite in the hollow of your hands, as to take the entire compass of Holy Scripture.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3215

“As I meditated upon this sad scene [the crucifixion]—while my eyes were streaming with tears on the Savior’s account, it seemed to me that the ribald crowd was unconsciously honoring Him, after all, because contempt from such people was true honor for Jesus. If they had applauded Him, He might have blushed at the disgrace of being praised by such miscreants! But when they despised and rejected Him, it brought Him true honor! Thus virtue received the homage of vice and the beauty of holiness was the more plainly manifested in contrast with the ugliness of sin!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3276

“He who hopes that what he says will be accepted by those who hear it, opens his ears to hear what God says to him. There will be no acceptance of what you say to others unless you accept what God says to you!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3246

“Nowadays, we do not so much need Bibles as Bible-readers. Are any of you in that condition—that you would not be without a Bible in your house—and yet you never read it? Do you treat this Book as a fetish? Do you reverence words which you do not care to read? Is there some kind of witchcraft about paper and binding in a certain form? Do you think it a very pious thing to put a big Bible under your arm and march to a place of worship with it, and yet never read it?”—Volume 58, Sermon #3303

“Oh, a great change would come over religious opinion in England if people were not led by that absurd idea that they ought to be just what their parents were! If we once could grow a race of men and women that would read the Scriptures for themselves, and judge of Doctrines for themselves, we would have grand times again!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3166

“It was because the Lord had made Ezekiel a watchman unto the house of Israel that he proclaimed his Master’s message with such power and unction—and it must be in a similar way that a minister must be to his people as the mouth of God!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3200

“He who simply believes in Jesus Christ must have some degree of assurance, for the simple act of reclining, recumbently resting upon Christ, if it is done truly and sincerely is, in its measure, assuring to the heart. At any rate, it is the milk that brings the cream. Faith is the milk and assurance is the cream! You must get your assurance from your faith—and if it is a simple faith which relies entirely upon Jesus Christ, it will, if not directly, yet very speedily, bring you some degree of assurance of your interest in Christ.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3137

“The faith that saves is a trusting faith, a reliant faith, a sacred recumbency, confidence and leaning upon the Lord Jesus Christ!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3112

“Some persons allege that the children of God may act on different principles, may believe different doctrines, may be the recipients of different kinds of Divine Grace and that their apprehensions of God and of Christ may be thoroughly diverse—we hold no such opinion! If there is not the vital principle in a man’s heart, teaching him the Truth of God as it is in Jesus, he does not belong to the one ‘Church of the living God.’ Thus, there is but one Church, however divided it may be.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3093

It is of no use to be acquainted with the Scriptures if you are not acquainted with God. You may read the Scriptures till you perish unless you see God in the glass of Scripture, for it is to Him that you must come. A personal Christ must have personal dealings with a personal sinner, or else there will be no personal salvation.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3303

“True love proves itself when it comes to something like self-denial, but how few of God’s servants ever reach to self-denial for Jesus? They could not remember, if they sat down, that they ever denied themselves a penny’s worth of anything to eat or drink, or denied themselves a pound’s worth of finery, or a comfort in their homes, or anything else for the sake of Christ! We should do better if we could get to feel that we love Christ so much that we could not give too much to Him.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3166

“Brothers and Sisters, I cannot do without you! If I want to celebrate the Lord’s death, I cannot go into my chamber and take the piece of bread and the cup and celebrate the ordinance alone—I must have you with me! I cannot do without you! And you, the most spiritually-minded of you, if you shut yourselves up in a cell and try to play the monk and the super-excellent, cannot keep this ordinance! You must have fellowship with other Believers! You must come down among the saints, for our Savior has given us this memorial which cannot be celebrated except jointly, by the whole of us together!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3151

“I have often said, ‘There is no true coming which can be wrong’ ‘No man can come unto Me, except the Father which has sent Me draw him.’ So if God draws, He cannot draw the wrong way. Looking for the mercy of Christ, trusting the merits of His sacrificial death, then you have come and come aright to the door of mercy! And yet you may for a time not have a word to comfort you.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3268

“If a man trusts in God *and* his friends, he has no secure trust. He is like one that has one foot upon the rock and another on the quicksand.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3247

“When Jesus grants the Divine Grace of forgiveness, at the same moment He gives the tender heart that mourns that it should have needed forgiveness. I believe that if this Truth of God were thoroughly understood, it would help many more to receive the Calvinistic system of theology which now puzzles them. I know that when I first realized that my repentance was the gift of God, the whole Doctrine of Salvation by Grace fell into my soul as by a lightning flash!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3229

“Beloved, often deny yourselves what you might have—what might lawfully be yours. Put away every alluring bait if in any wise you would injure your usefulness or mar your character by taking it. The Lord help you to do this by His good Spirit!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3208

“The work of the Law upon the enlightened conscience is a very healthy operation—it is like a sharp needle that goes through the soul, but it draws the golden thread of Mercy after it—or like the sharp plow which breaks up the ground and prepares it for the seed which in due time shall bring forth the harvest to God’s praise and Glory! Whenever the entrance of the Law makes the offense to abound, may God grant us Grace to receive the Gospel so that Grace shall much more abound!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3304

“When we are asking for anything about which we are somewhat doubtful as to whether it will glorify God or not, we may well speak with hesitation, but as we are sure that it is for God’s Glory that men should see Jesus and rejoice in Him, let us crave this gift for them with great importunity and much holy boldness—and we shall certainly have our heart’s desire.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3117

“We may receive new light upon what is in the Word, but the new light will not make that false which was true before the new light came! We hope, when the time comes for us to die, that we shall be able to say, ‘As we commenced our ministry, so we finish it. Our first sermon was on the same lines as our last. Of course there was a growth in our power of receiving and expounding the Truth of God, but it was the same Truth that we received and that we preached at the first and at the last.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3200

“When God’s Infinite Justice was wide awake and in sternest action, you may guess in a measure, but you cannot fully conceive what our Lord must have endured!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3088

“Your own righteousness is such an abominable thing that it will as surely damn you as the greatest profanity! The best thing for you to do with it is to bury it, and run away from it.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3084

“Our dear Lord has many things to say to us, but we cannot bear them yet because we are so unbelieving. But if we had more faith and rested like little children upon Him, He would tell us more and show us more!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3247

“Ignorance of the Bible often troubles men’s hearts and consciences—and prevents them from finding that peace of God which a little more knowledge of it would be sure to give them. And I am certain that ignorance or forgetfulness of many of the exceedingly great and precious promises of God and of the marvelous things He has engaged to do for His people, often causes our eyes to flow with tears and our hearts to be overwhelmed with suffering. The more a Christian knows of his religion, the better for his peace and for his happiness!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3077

“A deep sense of need often reveals to us Christ’s All-Sufficiency.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3268

“If I am now addressing any backslider, let me remind him or her that the Lord Jesus has been sent “to bind up the brokenhearted.” Return to your first love, poor Backslider, for it was better with you then than it is now!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3104

“Oh, how guilty we much be that we will not believe that what God says it true, that we will not believe though millions of witnesses before the Throne of God attest the Truth of God that ‘where sin abounded, Grace did much more abound.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3304

“Your proper note on joining the Church is not one of congratulation, as though the victory were won, but one of *preparation*—for now the trumpet sounds and the fight begins!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3167

“No doubt the excitement of having slain the Philistines would naturally be followed by depression of spirits in Samson. When David had mounted the throne of Judah, there came a reaction and he said, ‘I am this day weak, though anointed king.’ You must expect to feel weakest just when you are enjoying your greatest triumph!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3131

“I think that certain forms of Arminianism are injurious to the faith of the Christian—those forms, for instance, which deny the election of God, the effectual calling of the Holy Spirit and the final perseverance of the saints. These denials seem to me to cut from under a man’s foot everything he has to stand upon! And I do not wonder that the man who believes them has no assurance. If I believe that God’s children may fall away and perish, it seems to me that full assurance, at any rate, becomes an impossibility, for if they may fall, why may not I?”—Volume 55, Sermon #3137

“You think about saving—God only thinks about giving. You take a delight in getting—He takes a delight in bestowing. Go to Him! Go to Him! You would not need anybody to be long praying you to accept a gift, so do not think that God needs much beseeching in order to *give*, for it is as easy for Him to give as it is for you to accept! And as accepting seems congenial to our nature, so does bestowing seem congenial to His! Go to Him and He will empty out His Grace upon you!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3215

“If, indeed, you have been redeemed by His precious blood. If His Spirit has, indeed, regenerated you. And if His Grace is working in your hearts and lives, surely you cannot be so cowardly as to try to conceal yourselves as secret disciples of Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3200

“I must not fail to remind you that *as a memorial of Christ, while it is very solemn, it is singularly happy*. Christ has ordained, as a memorial of His death, what? Why, a feast! Not a funeral, not a meeting together to sing dirges over His mangled body, or to go to a grave to weep! That might have been a memorial, but we have a better one—we have a happy one!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3151

“The Lord’s Prayer is quite as good said backwards as forwards if you do not say it from the heart. There is quite as much likelihood of a benediction in a number of words thrown out pell-mell, without any kind of connection, as there would be in the best-arranged sermon, if there is not an attentive ear and an understanding heart.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3305

“And so, wearisome nights may have been appointed for you, strong crying and tears—but keep on, for if God has given you genuine faith, He must give you eternal salvation unless He breaks His promises—which He can never do! He must save them who come unto Him through Jesus Christ! Your business is with His command and when you have obeyed, and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, then, even if you weep in the dark, your tears will be for your spiritual strengthening!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3268

“Of how many places might it not be said, ‘He could not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief?’ Unbelief seems to hamper Omnipotence, to tie the hands of the Almighty! We do not know what losers we have been by our unbelief.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3247

“I hope none of you are under the impression that, at the close of the present service, I am going *to administer the Lord’s Supper*. God forbid that I should ever venture to do such a thing as that! No, it is you, or *we*, who come to the Lord’s Table, to break bread and to drink of the cup—and we come together, not as a Church holding certain views, but we come simply as Christians to, “do this in remembrance” of the Savior who died for us!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3099

“Divide yourselves upon this question as to how far you are Believers, for we cannot assert that Christ is precious to you if you are not Believers. We know He will not be your heart’s Monarch if you have no faith. He will be the very reverse! But if you are Believers in and upon Him, He will be precious to you beyond all comparison!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3112

“Brothers and Sisters, if we could see what God sees, we would feel that the heaviest trouble we have ever had was the thing that we would choose above all other things! You probably sometimes think that the course of Divine Providence is very mysterious, but were you as well informed concerning all the circumstances as the Lord is, you would say, ‘That is the course I, myself, would have chosen.’—Volume 54, Sermon #3076

“Shame on the man or woman who can live in the midst of worldlings and never let them know that they belong to Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3200

“Why, even a solitary Divine precept is so precious that if all the saints in the world were burnt at one stake for the defense of it—it would be well worth the holocaust! If the whole of us went to prison and to death for the preservation of a single sentence of Scripture, we would be fully justified in making such a sacrifice.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3248

“Let it never be supposed that the office of teaching in the Christian Church can exclusively belong to one man, or to one class of men! It belongs to every Christian man, and to every Christian woman, too! You cannot teach beyond what you have been taught of God, and it is in proportion as you are taught of God that your teaching takes a wider sphere. But you must teach what you know!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3305

“To get the goodness out of the Scriptures, you must meditate upon them and so digest them, just as you have seen the cattle lie down to chew the cud after eating. To get the nourishment out of a text, turn it over and over in your mind, ruminate upon it, pull it to pieces word by word.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3090

“Coming to Christ means, first, *turning away from all confidence in ourselves or in others and trusting alone in Jesus.*”—Volume 56, Sermon #3230

“If old age could keep men out of Heaven, there are many now before the Throne of God who would never have been there! If you are seventy, or eighty, or even 90 years of age, it is a sad and solemn thing that you should have lived so long without Christ—but this is no reason why you should die and be damned! God’s message to you is still this, “Turn you, turn you from your evil ways; for why will you die?”—Volume 57, Sermon #3262

“When a man once gets into the habit of giving to the cause of God, it becomes as much a delight to contribute of his substance as to pray for God’s bounty or to drink in the promises! How could I dare to exist if I fill not do something for Christ? Not do something for Jesus? Where it not to rob me of the highest privilege which can be accorded a man this side the grave?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3215

“I remember my dear old grandfather looking about his study to find his spectacles while he had them on! He was looking through the spectacles to find the spectacles and there are many who act just as inconsistently as that with regard to salvation!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3117

“Dread the Greeks, even when they bring you gifts,’ said the tradition of old—and let the Christian dread the world most when it puts on its softest speeches! Stand, then, upon your guard, you warriors of the Cross, when least you fear, the cringing foe will come behind you and stab you under the pretense of friendship! Your Master was betrayed with a kiss, and so will you be unless you watch unto prayer.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3167

“The Word of God is to us an Infallible Revelation of the Eternal Truth of God and that part of it which has already been proved to be true to us is the seal and pledge that the whole of it is true and precious!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3248

“If a man needs an excuse for clinging to his sin, he can always find one, and any lie will satisfy the soul that is resolved not to be saved!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3306

“There is powder enough in all our hearts to blow our character to pieces if God does not keep the devil’s sparks away, or quench them in a mighty stream of Grace before they can do us mischief! Utter weakness are you, O Man, and many and mighty foes are seeking your destruction! You need an infinite Friend to keep you in safety against all the machinations of your adversaries!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3074

“If we never doubt God till we have cause to do so, distrust will be banished from our hearts forever! Of men, we speak as we find them—let us do the same with God.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3131

“Many who are ordained unto eternal life, are yet held back, as John Bunyan was, for many a day and even years in doubt and perplexity and trouble!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3268

“I would like to make those four words ring again and again in your ears, ‘God knows all things.’ Then He knows the sins that you have forgotten, or that you wish you could forget!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3152

“If the snowy peaks of Piedmont, if the lowlands of Holland, if the prisons of Spain could speak, they would tell of Infinite Mercy experienced by the saints under terrible oppression—of hearts that were leaping to Heaven while the bodies were bruised or burning on earth! God has been gracious to His people when they have been driven out.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3201

“There will be people in Heaven who never read a word in their lives. I know not how low the Grace of God can go. Some poor creatures who know nothing of the things of earth, even these may understand the Gospel, it is so plain! We do not need a giant intellect in order to grasp its Doctrines. Its element and substance is, ‘He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.’ Believer, ignorant though you may be, you can comprehend this grand scheme of man’s redemption, so do not say that because you are poor and ignorant, you will not enter Heaven!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3139

“No honey is so sweet as that which drops freely from the comb, and no service is so sweet to the Lord Jesus as that which a Believer spontaneously renders to Him.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3092

“Our Lord turns His face from His people though He never turns His heart from His people. He may even close His eyes in sleep when the vessel is tossed by the tempest, but His heart is awake all the while.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3307

“‘He that is not with Me is against Me,’ is still one of the infallible tests by which He [Jesus Christ] tries the sons of men! And if you are not with Him, you are against Him! If you are not out-and-out for Him, you are mocking Him in your way even as the Jews did in theirs [at the Cross]!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3276

“‘With all our imperfections, we feel that *we do love God’s people and we do love our fellow men*. We desire to relieve their distresses as far as we can. And as much as lies in us, we desire to promote the happiness and comfort of others.’ If a man cannot say this, he cannot claim to be a Christian because any man who lives for himself is no more a Christian than the devil is!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3152

“When I pray, I ask for something for myself or other people. When I praise, it is but little I can render. But oh, to think that, I, a poor creature of God’s own making, should be able to give to Him! It puts the creature in the highest conceivable light. It lifts him well above angels. There are works which laborious, disinterested, self-sacrificing Christians can do for Christ. Let the wealthy empty themselves upon the earth and this shall be the way to fill themselves!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3215

“There are scattering times, no doubt, but we should always pray that we may live in gathering times, that we may be gathered together in unity, in essential oneness around the Cross, in united action for our glorious Master, and that sinners who are far away may be gathered in, too, and backsliders who have wandered may be restored! Pray for gathering times, Brothers and Sisters, and may the day come when the Lord will assemble the lame and will gather the outcast and afflicted.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3201

“If a man can stand commendation, he can stand anything. The severest trial which a Christian has to bear is probably the trial which comes from his kind but inconsiderate friends who would puff him up, if they could, by telling him what a fine fellow he is.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3167

“Everything short of personal godliness falls short of eternal life. Remember that nobody can be born-again for you. You yourselves must be regenerated. Nobody can renounce “the pomp and vanities of the world” for you. Sponsorship in religion is the most transparent of frauds. Nobody can love Christ for you—your own heart must beat high with affection towards His dear name! It must be a personal religion if it is to be of any value to you.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3112

“‘Give me Christ, or else I die,’ is the cry of every spirit that has lost the dear Companionship of Jesus. We do not part with such heavenly delights without many a pang. It is not with us a matter of ‘maybe He will return, and we hope He will,’ but it must be, or we faint and die!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3307

“He [Jesus Christ] is a Savior—do not believe that fact and yet remain unsaved. As far as Christ is known to you, so far make use of Him! Is not this sound common sense?”—Volume 57, Sermon #3249

“Happy day! Happy day when I shall sit down at the feet of Jesus Christ and hear Him preach! O Beloved, what we shall then think of our poor preaching, I cannot tell! It is a mercy that Jesus Christ does not preach here now, for, after hearing Him, none of us would preach again, so ashamed would we be of ourselves.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3081

“But, dear Friends, if you want to get full assurance, I can recommend to you another thing and it is this, *work for Christ*. We are not saved by works, but working for God brings us many blessings. Rest assured that if you spend and are spent for Christ, you shall never be out of spending-money! If you lay out your strength for Him, He will lay in for you fresh stores of strength. He does not give us faith that we may bury it as the man buried his talent, but if we have five talents of faith and use them, He will give us five talents more—and so we shall have assurance if we use our faith well.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3137

“It will not suffice for you to come to Christ’s Doctrine—you must, of course, believe what He taught—but believing His teaching will not save you unless you come to HIM.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3230

“We have heard persons talk about their natural inability to perform gracious acts and we have not answered them because it will be time enough to talk of what they cannot do when they have done what they can do. There are some things which we are sure they can do, and these they have neglected—it is mere hypocrisy, therefore, for them to be pleading lack of power when they do not use the strength they have.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3277

“In the sacred emblems now upon this Supper Table Jesus is already among us. Faith cries, ‘He has come!’ Like John the Baptist she gazes intently on Him and cries, ‘Behold the Lamb of God!’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3307

“It is a terrible thought to me that although God’s Word says, ‘Owe no man anything,’ yet that the Church should be more awfully in debt than any corporation in England! I do not think that the debts of all the people put together would equal the debts of professing Christians—debts which they have entered into often on account of religion.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3100

“That man only is rich towards God who begins to know his emptiness and feels that he is less than nothing, and vanity.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3201

“The joys of fellowship with God are written in marble. ‘Engraved as in eternal brass’ are memories of communion with Christ Jesus.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3249

“When a man will not believe the Truth of God, he is sure, before long, to be a greedy believer of lies! No persons are so credulous as skeptics. There is no absurdity so gross but what an unbeliever will very soon be brought to receive it, though he rejects the Truth of God.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3331

“A Primitive Methodist Brother said at one of the meetings, lately, that the reason why the Primitive Methodists got on so was that other Christians were waiting for something to turn up, but that the Primitive Methodists turned it up, themselves! It was an odd thing to say, but there is a great truth in it. Some Christian people are always waiting for something to turn up. They want an opportunity of doing good and they mean to do it—oh, so well—when they get the opportunity.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3215

“I pray the Lord to open your eyes and mine to see what it is to be a lost soul, that we may sigh and cry over souls that are being lost by millions! May He open our eyes to see the true character of sin and the desperate condition of those who are steeped in it—to see the terrors of the wrath to come, that final judgment of God which shall overwhelm the wicked! Then may he open our eyes to see the reality of His eternal love, the cleansing power of the precious blood of Jesus and the almighty efficacy of the ever blessed Spirit. And may He open our eyes in such a way that, seeing these things, we may be startled into earnestness, amazed in devotion, constrained unto consecration and may give ourselves up, from this time forth—spirit, soul and body—to serve the Lord!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3117

“The more you give up self, the more you dare and do for Christ, the more fully Jesus sits on the throne of your heart and the more Divinely blessed will this life become to you! But the farther you keep from Christ and the more content you are with a half-hearted religion, the more will you find it to be a weariness, a mere burden to be borne, a custom to be endured—not a banquet to be enjoyed, nor a thing Divine to be loved and to be grasped with all your mind and heart!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3275

“I have always taught you that the *Omnipotence* of God over the human heart is never exercised in such a way as to violate the free will of man. It would be a clumsy kind of *Omnipotence* that would do as it pleased with men whether they were willing or not! But it is Divine *Omnipotence* that molds the will, enlightens the judgment and fashions the heart and mind and character of man according to the Lord’s eternal purpose.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3308

“I have heard of men who mark a hundred as a hundred and twenty, and who mark goods as of certain lengths when they know they are not of such lengths. And they say, ‘It is the custom of the trade.’ Well, if it is the custom of your trade to lie, remember that it is God’s custom to send all liars to Hell! A Christian man has no right to lie even if all the world should concur in the lies! He should say, ‘No, I serve the God of Truth and, come what may, no lie shall defile my tongue, for Christ has cleansed it and made it His own.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3152

“A man cannot have spiritual life in him and yet be unconscious of it.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3079

“Who among us has not doubted his own interest in Christ? Happy are you who are free from such trouble! But there are seasons with some of us when we turn our title deeds over and we are sometimes afraid lest they should not be genuine.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3167

“I never met with anybody who ever thought that he deserved to be chosen unto salvation—the very fact of the choice proves that it must have been all of Grace.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3248

“The Gospel is to be preached to every creature in order that Christ’s chosen ones may be gathered unto Him. We cast the net into the sea, for we do not know where the fish are, but God knows and He guides into the net those He means us to catch for Him. You know that a magnet will attract steel to itself—well, the Gospel attracts souls that have an affinity to itself—and thus Christ draws His chosen ones unto Himself with the cords of a man, and bands of love!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3216

“It is not any rite and it is not the neglect of any rite which can produce righteousness. It is as easy to trust in your non-observance of a ceremony as to trust in the ceremony, itself, and it will be quite as delusive. It is faith in Christ that brings righteousness—the ‘faith which works by love.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3249

“You cannot praise another man’s God. Possession is not only nine points of the law, but it is all the points of the Gospel!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3275

“There were also others [God’s chosen] in the far-away islands of the south—cannibals given up to the wildest passions—but Christ had bought them with His precious blood and a sacred instinct compelled John Williams and many another martyrs and missionaries to go forth to the Apostolic task of turning savages into saints!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3308

“Many come into this place of worship as skeptics and go out sincere Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some have I known who have come here only to laugh and scoff, but they have remained to pray. No thought was further from their mind than that they should ever become the followers of the Lamb—but the Divine power, which was not necessarily connected with the preacher—carried the Word into their hearts, arrested them on the spot, changed their natures, made them new creatures in Christ Jesus and sent them on their way rejoicing in their newly-found Savior!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3202

“Those silly butterflies of fashion who spend all their time in flitting about from flower to flower are so heartless and thoughtless that I can, to some extent, comprehend how they can do without God. With empty heads and silly hearts, men and women can make gods of anything! Their own pretty persons can be quite a sufficient object for their idiotic worship. But a man who stands right straight up, a sensible thinking man—a working-man, if you will—I do not mind whether he works with the dry heat of his brain or with the damp sweat of his face—I cannot understand how a man like this, with organs of thought and a reasoning soul, can go on without God!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3131

“The discussion between Catholics and Protestants has been far from what it ought to have been. We seem bent upon forcing them to submit at once to our views, but this is wrong of us. We may condemn wrong principles, but let us always speak gently of the men who hold them. They are spiritually blind, so we should deal kindly with them, avoiding that bitterness of spirit which is so often manifested. Sick men will not take your medicine if you give them vinegar with it—give them something sweet with it and they will take it. So be kind and loving to the spiritually blind and they will be likely to give heed to you.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3139

“I am quite certain that God has an elect people, for He tells me so in His Word. And I am equally certain that everyone who comes to Christ shall be saved, for that also is His own declaration in the Scriptures! When people ask me how I reconcile these two Truths of God, I usually say that there is no need to reconcile them, for they have never yet quarreled with one another! Both are true and both relate to the same persons, for those who come to Christ are those who were from eternity given to Christ by His Father!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3230

“It would be a mistake in language, a contradiction in thought even to *suggest* that there was some measure of deserving about any of those sinners for whom Christ died!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3248

“If your faith is as feeble, now, as it was 20 years ago. If you have not made any spiritual advance during the last 10 years, you ought very gravely to question whether you have any spiritual life at all! You may not be able to see the growth, but there must be growth if there is life.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3250

“One vessel may leak at the bow and another may leak at the stern, but it does not much matter where the leak is—in either case the vessel will sink.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3202

“If you are, indeed, ‘bought with a price,’ Christ will surely gather you with the rest of His redeemed! By might and main He will make a conquest of you, for, when the Lord determines to bring His people to Himself, neither material distance nor moral distance can prevent Him from doing so!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3308

“It is the duty of every Christian to forsake every known sin, whatever it may be, and, in doing so, he is not to consult with flesh and blood.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3078

“The sufferings of the Man who was the Fellow of the Lord of Hosts, in place of us poor worms of the earth, were more than we can comprehend! God grant us Grace, if startled as we hear about them, to rally again to Him and, each one of us to say, with Thomas, ‘My Lord, and my God,’ and then to cling to Him through life and in death, come what may!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3088

“Some even complain of Christian importunity and are weary of it, not liking to be spoken to about their souls. ‘Intrusion,’ it has been called by some cavilers, but indeed it is a blessed intrusion upon a sinner, slumbering in his sin over the brink of Hell, to disturb his slumber and awaken him to flee for his life!...I reckon that a breach of courtesy is often a most courteous thing when the desire is the benefit of an immortal soul! If I say a very personal thing and it arouses anyone to seek and find salvation, I know that he will never blame me on that score!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3277

“Those who are pushed about by many as though they were not fit to live are the very ones for whom I would gladly make a way and bring them to the softest place and say, ‘Be of good comfort, for it is for you and such as you that God has sent His Son and His Spirit into the world.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3113

“I thank God every time I remember the scores of young men we have here whose mouths have been opened to speak for Christ. Go, on, my brave sons, bearing your testimony for the Master! Even if the police should sometimes move you off, be content to be moved and go and blow the Gospel trumpet somewhere else! But take care to proclaim the good tidings of salvation, for you have your Lord’s commission to do so! When a man receives a commission from the Queen, he is not a little proud of it. But you have a commission from the King of kings empowering you to gather together unto Him all who are included in the Covenant of His Grace!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3216

“O you great sinners, Jesus Christ knows how to pardon you! He knows how to lay home to your hearts such texts as these—‘All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men.’—‘Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.’—‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved,’ even you, O you greatest of sinners!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3104

“May God the Holy Spirit teach us to weep at the remembrance of our sin, to weep at the foot of the Cross as we look upon Him whom our sins have pierced, and mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son and be in bitterness for Him as one that is in bitterness for his first-born!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3308

“Sin indulged will prevent the full assurance of faith—and even a little sin will do this. Have you ever had a small stone in your boot? If so, and you have tried to walk, you have found it very uncomfortable travelling. If you have a tiny splinter of wood beneath your nail, you know how painful it is—you get it extracted as soon as you can lest you should lose your finger, or even your hand. Beware of little sins, Beloved, for they will keep all comfort out of your life and effectually hinder the growth of your faith.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3250

“Do not any of you imagine because your children can get good books, that you are exonerated from speaking to them personally about their souls! Mother, you are the best instructor that your child can have. Father, your loving, gracious talk with your boy will have more effect upon him than any book you can give him.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3248

“Once you get to know Christ personally and that He loved you and gave Himself for you—and then rejoice that you are forgiven and justified through Him—the world will count you stupid and obstinate, but you will stand firm and be able to resist all its sarcasm and its ridicule. He who has made a refuge of Jesus Christ may stand safe, whatever errors may invade the land!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3167

“You say that your enemies are doing all that they can to destroy you, but *can they destroy the Divine promises?* The Lord has promised to give unto His sheep eternal life—can they take that promise from you, or make it of no value? They may frown at you, but can they keep you out of Heaven? They may threaten you, but can they make the Covenant of Grace to be of no effect? While eternal things are safe, we may well be content to let other things come or go just as God wills!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3098

“There may be some here who are now truly converted, who have sinned as deeply as even Saul of Tarsus did. Then let them acknowledge, as he did, that their conversion was due to the undeserved favor of God!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3202

“We, as Calvinists, believe that men cannot see the Truth of God unless it is revealed to them by God. We should, therefore, be the last to condemn the ignorant, but should do our utmost to instruct them and to open their eyes. It is of no use to attempt to force a man to believe.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3139

“Hearing true Gospel sermons is one of the most solemn occupations in which intelligent beings can be employed. Hearing ears are by no means common things—happy are you who have them.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3082

“The last tear will be dropped in Jordan’s flowing stream, for we shall sorrow no more and repent no more when we stand before the Eternal Throne of God! And the last prayer—at any rate, the last prayer that has any sense of sin in it—shall be breathed just on the bank of the river which we cross to enter into Glory!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3308

“‘The Lord stood by him.’ This shall be said of each one who diligently serves God. Dear Friend, if you are a worker for the Lord Jesus, depend upon it He will not desert you. If, in the course of your endeavors, you are brought into sadness and depression, you shall then find it sweetly true that the Lord stands by you.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3153

“We find a very large number of invitations, both in the Old and New Testament, addressed to persons in certain conditions and positions. And when we meet with a person whose case is thus anticipated, we are bound to bid him be of good cheer because the Lord is plainly calling him.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3277

“This is the foundation of our faith—that this Book is Divinely Inspired! Allow nobody to make you doubt concerning this matter, for you must give up Christianity, itself, if you give up the Inspiration of this Book!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3248

“The Lord says, ‘Gather My saints together unto Me.’ [Psalm 50:5.] We are not told to gather them into the Baptist denomination, or into the Presbyterian kirk, or into the Episcopal establishment, or into any particular church! Our Lord’s command is, ‘Gather My saints together unto Me.’ I have never been ashamed of being called a Baptist since I became one. And if I did not believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ordained the immersion of Believers on profession of their faith, I would not preach and practice it. But, dear as Christ’s own ordinances ought always to be to all Christians, our main business is not to bring men and women to Baptism, but to bring them to Christ!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3216

“This is the best test I can give you, Beloved—the most accurate thermometer by which you can ascertain the rise or fall of your spiritual temperature—Is Christ Jesus more precious to you than He ever was before? If so, then I am bound to thank God always for you, Brothers and Sisters, because your faith grows exceedingly!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3250

“The path to Heaven is not at all difficult to find. It would be very difficult to find the way to Heaven by the rites and ceremonies about which some are so particular, but to those who trust in Jesus the way of salvation is a very simple one, so simple that the wayfaring man, though a fool in other things, need not err therein!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3308

“The false doctrine of general redemption—that Christ died for the damned in Hell and suffered the torment of those who afterwards are tormented forever—seems to me to be detestable, subversive of the whole Gospel and destructive of the only pillar upon which our hopes can be built! Christ stood in the place of His elect—for them He made a full Atonement—for them He so suffered that not a sin of theirs shall ever be laid at their door. As the Father’s love embraced them, so the death of His Son reconciled them.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3085

“It is a very good sign that a man has been really awakened when he goes uninvited to a Prayer Meeting. I love to see a stranger come stealing in and sit in a corner where God’s people are met for supplication. Any hypocrite may come to worship on a Sunday, but it is not every hypocrite who will come to the meeting for prayer!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3118

“Dread, mysterious and profound as the Doctrine of Divine Sovereignty is, yet it certainly must be acknowledged that He who is God has an absolute and inherent right to do as He wills with all those whom He has, Himself, created.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3202

“The true helmet of hope must come from the heavenly arsenal! You must go to the Divine Storehouse, for unto God belongs salvation and the hope of salvation must be given to you by His free Grace. A hope of salvation is not purchasable. Our great King does not sell his armor, but gives it freely to all who enlist. They take the shilling and accept faith. They trust Christ and they are enlisted—and then the armor is given them gratis. From head to foot they are arrayed by Grace!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3167

“Bartimaeus followed a despised and crucified Christ! Friend, will you do the same? Will you fare as He fares, and endure reproach for His sake? Brave men are needed for these evil times—we have too many of those thin-skinned professors who faint if society gives them the cold shoulder! Power to walk with the crucified Lord into the very jaws of the lion is a glorious gift of the Holy Spirit! May it rest on you, dear Friend, to a full degree! May the Spirit of God help you!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3277

“The people were quick to express their admiration [Matt 9:33] yet we see very little trace of their believing in our Lord’s mission. It is a small thing to marvel, but a great thing to believe! O Lord, give the people around us to see such revivals and conversions as they have never known before!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3139

“Are you trusting in God, dear Friends? Are you living a life of faith? Then the walk of faith will be followed, in due time, by the triumph of faith! Blessed are all they that put their trust in the Lord, and blessed forever shall they be.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3131

“There were many ways by which men might die, but there was only one death which God pronounced to be accursed. He did not say, ‘Cursed is he that dies by stoning, or by the sword, or by a millstone being fastened about his neck, or by being eaten of worms.’ But it *was* written, ‘Cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree.’ By no other death than that one, which God did single out as the death of the accursed, could Jesus Christ die!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3251

“When you see a Christian in the furnace, you cannot expect that he will get out by asking, ‘When will this flame abate?’ But the fire will soon be over when a man, in such circumstances, can say, ‘The Lord’s will be done.’ It is a sign that the metal has been properly fused and that the dross has gone when you can see the image of the Refiner in it—when the heart reflects the face of God and says, ‘Not as I will, but as You will.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3073

“If we have nothing, we should be humble because of our poverty—and if we have much, we ought to be humble because we are so much in debt to God!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3202

“A text of Scripture is often like an apple tree with abundance of ripe fruit on it and we are underneath the tree. Give it a shake, Brothers and Sisters—shake it till the ripe fruit drops down!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3090

“I do not know whether there are any degrees in Glory and I do not trouble about whether there are or are not—but this I do know, that all the saints shall be gathered together unto Christ—and that degree is high enough for any of them!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3216

“‘The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost,’ is a sentence as majestic as Prophet ever penned when in fullest Inspiration he extolled the Prince of Peace!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3309

“I have always found that as my trust in self went up, my trust in Christ went down—and as my trust in self went down—my trust in Christ went up. So I urge you to take an honest view of your own blackness of heart and life, for that will cause you to pray with David, ‘Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3278

“Jesus can stand side by side with us, for He has been afflicted in all our afflictions.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3153

“Why should there not be money to send forth missionaries abroad? It is just this—there is not enough of the love of Christ in the Church and there is not enough of preaching Christ—otherwise there would be more of Christian giving!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3100

“Do we sufficiently reverence the Holy Spirit and love Him as we should for all that He has done? The Incarnation of the Son of God is no greater mystery than the indwelling of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men. It is truly marvelous that the ever-blessed Spirit, who is equally God with the Father and the Son, should come and reside in these bodies of ours and make them His temple.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3086

“The Atonement of Christ gives such an exhibition of the guilt of sin as is not to be seen anywhere else—no, not even in the flames of Hell!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3252

“One thing in which we all betray our littleness is *the readiness with which we fall into the gross sin of idolatry*. We are, none of us, likely to bow down before blocks of wood and stone as the heathen do. Nor are we likely to worship the god made of bread which is the god of so many in this country—yet we are all too prone to make unto ourselves gods that are really idols! At one time it is favorite child who is thus worshipped. ‘There never was a fairer child than mine. She is more like an angel than a human being,’ says the fond and foolish mother whose heart is wrapped up in her little one! Then comes God’s great hammer that breaks all idols—and the dead child is carried to the silent tomb. After such a painful experience as that, will the mother ever make an idol of another child? Yes, there are some who have done that, to their own confusion, time after time!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3140

“Oh that blessed word, HOPE! You know what the New Zealanders call hope? They call it in their language, ‘the swimming thought,’ because it always swims. You cannot drown it—it always keeps its head above the wave! When you think you have drowned the Christian’s hope, up it comes, all dripping from the brine, and cries again, ‘Hope you in God, for I shall yet praise Him!’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3167

“Men have tried to overcome sin by the reasoning of philosophy, or by arguments fetched from common sense—but those blunt wooden swords have been powerless to destroy it! It is only the sharp two-edged sword of the Spirit—the grand doctrine of the love and Grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that can pierce our sin to the heart and lay it in the dust!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3252

“I do not know that I would pray for sudden death, though sudden death is, to a Believer in Christ, sudden Glory, but I certainly would not pray that I might not be called home suddenly. So far as I am personally concerned, I would like to have a similar experience to that of good Dr. Beaumont who was preaching the Word on earth, and just as he finished uttering a sentence of his sermon, was singing the praises of God in Heaven!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3216

“It was but yesterday that I saw it alleged against Christianity that it discourages virtue and patronizes the guilty. They say that we ministers lift the sinful into the most prominent place and give them the preference above the moral and excellent in our preaching. This is a soft impeachment to which, in a better sense than is intended by those who bring it, we are glad to plead guilty!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3309

“I heard one say of a certain preacher, ‘I greatly admired him, for he commenced his sermon by saying, ‘Permit a young man to address you.’ I said, ‘That is not the way God’s servants ought to talk. If God has given them anything to say for Him, they have not to ask anybody’s permission to say it, nor should they apologize to anybody for saying it as God enables them to say it.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3202

“We hold most firmly the Doctrine of Particular Redemption, that Christ loved His Church and gave Himself for it. But we do not hold the doctrine of the limited value of His precious blood! There can be no limit to Deity—there must be infinite value in the Atonement which was offered by Him who is Divine. The only limit of the Atonement is in its design, and that design was that Christ should give eternal life to as many as the

Father has given Him—but in itself the Atonement is sufficient for the salvation of the whole world—and if the entire race of mankind could be brought to believe in Jesus, there is enough efficacy in His precious blood to cleanse everyone born of woman from every sin that all of them have ever committed!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3278

“Numbers of persons are kept from peace of mind through mistaken ideas of God. They think that He is like themselves and so they do not receive the Gospel.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3119

“No Church will long continue in the enjoyment of the blessing of unity unless it continues in nearness to Christ. Communion with Christ means the communion of Christians with one another—we can only get true union and true communion in that way.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3104

“If any of us should fall into straitened circumstances, it will be a comfort to be able to say, ‘When I was rich, I freely used my wealth for my Lord.’ If we are ill, it will be a satisfaction to remember that when we were in health, we used our strength for Jesus. These are reflections which give light in the shade and make music at midnight. It is not out of our own reflections that the joy arises, but out of the witness of the Holy Spirit that the Lord is not unrighteous to forget our work of faith and labor of love.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3153

“It is a thrice-blessed fact that Christ came to save the lost, for such are we all—and had He not made lost ones the object of His searching and saving, there would have been no hope for us!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3309

“Very often, some of those who really do believe in Jesus neglect to avow their faith in the Lord’s appointed way. Nothing is more plainly taught in the New Testament than that it is the duty of every Believer in Christ to be baptized. It is the duty of every Christian, having first given himself to Christ, afterwards to give himself to Christ’s Church, according to the will of God. Now, my dear Friend, do your Master’s will and consult not with flesh and blood.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3078

“Alas, alas, our thoughts, if left to themselves, are as a cage of unclean birds or a den of wild beasts! And as Hercules needed to turn a stream of water to clean the Augean stable, our Lord Jesus Christ needed to pour rivers of water out of His own heart to cleanse the foul stable of our corrupt thoughts!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3252

“Brothers and Sisters, we must get back this old enthusiasm if ever our land is to be swept clear of Popery! If ever Europe is to become free with God’s freedom, if ever Africa is to have the light of the Truth of God driving away her dense darkness, if ever Asia, America and Australia are to be won for the Lord Jesus Christ, they whom God has called to the conflict must fight because it pleases God!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3202

“The world can neither give nor take away the hope of a Christian! It comes from God and He will never withdraw it, for His gifts and calling are without repentance. Once let this helmet be put on and He will never remove it, but we shall hope on and hope always until we shall see His face at the last.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3167

“Always read Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy with this view—‘This is the story of the Church of God in the wilderness—I would see how God dealt with them and how they dealt with Him, and from this learn lessons that may be useful to me in my own pilgrimage to the eternal rest.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3217

“We [ministers] were sent by God to be personal and to deliver personal messages, as Nathan did to David when he said to him, ‘You are the man.’ I wish it were possible for us, in a wise and prudent manner, to be more closely personal than we have ever been—and so to imitate our Savior’s example of wise personal enquiry when He said to this man, ‘Do you believe on the Son of God?’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3132

“Justification is not a work of degrees—it does not progress from one stage to another—but it is the work of a moment and it is instantly complete. God’s great gift of Eternal Life is bestowed in a moment and you may not be able to discern the exact moment when it is bestowed.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3278

“It is worthwhile to feel the sentence of death in one’s soul in order to know, by the testimony of Inspiration, that God is looking upon one out of Heaven in this special and peculiar sense! He can never forget His children anywhere, but if there is one place where He remembers them more specially than anywhere else, it is in the place of their sorrow!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3113

“I would like to die talking of this blessed Doctrine of Substitution and I intend, by Divine Grace, to live proclaiming it, for it is the keystone of the Gospel! Jesus Christ did literally take upon Himself the transgression and iniquity of His people and was made a curse for them, seeing that they had fallen under the wrath of God! And now every soul that believes in Jesus is saved because Jesus has taken away the penalty and the curse due to sin. In this let us rejoice!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3309

“I long to get to this Table again, though I have not been away from it any Sabbath for many a long day, for it has been my constant habit, wherever I have been, to get a few Christian friends together to break bread in remembrance of Christ.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3099

“Do not ever say of anybody, ‘That person is too bad for me to do anything with him.’ It is the genius of Christianity to select the worst, first, and we should never regard any man as utterly hopeless until he is dead. As long as the breath is in his body, no matter though all the devils from Hell were also in him, there is enough power in the Lord Jesus Christ to make the whole troop of them flee—and it is for us to attack those devils in His name! Jesus Christ, having saved *us*, the salvation of other sinners *must* be possible.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3092

“God forgive us for the sins of the tongue! If we had nothing else for which to praise Christ, we ought to bless Him to all eternity that He came ‘by water’ to cleanse that tongue which is naturally so foul!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3252

“This day, in the proclamation of the Gospel, the demand is made of faith in God. And if there is no faith, no matter how rich the Gospel, how full its provisions and how precious the portion which God has prepared, none of us can ever enter into the enjoyment of them!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3217

“He that is a surety shall smart for it—and Jesus found that proverb true. When Justice came to smite the sinner, it found Him in the sinner’s place and smote Him without relenting, laying to the full the whole weight upon Him which had otherwise crushed all mankind forever into the lowermost Hell! Let us love Jesus as we think that He endured all this.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3203

“True Believers, though they are a very feeble folk in themselves, are very strong when God is with them!...The strength of the true Christian is so great that nothing can overcome him and he is more than a conqueror in every engagement into which he enters!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3140

“Great errors have come into the Christian Church by the alteration of simple points in God’s commands and, therefore, since a little thing in the sign may involve a great thing in the substance, it becomes us to cultivate exact obedience!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3168

“No man is really saved unless he is, in his heart, obedient to Christ. I do not say that you will be perfect, but you will desire to be so. I do not say that you will not be tempted to sin until you die, but there will be no sin that you will love, there will be no sin from which you will not long to be delivered.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3310

“Now, if you were to set the dish with the whole roast on it down on the floor, your dog would probably be afraid to touch it lest he should get a cut of the whip! He would know that a dog does not deserve such a dinner as that—and that is just your difficulty, poor Sinner! You know that you do not deserve such Grace as God delights to give. But the fact that it is of Grace shuts out the question of merit altogether! ‘By Grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3278

“If I were to say, ‘Hands up, everyone who has a Bible,’ everybody’s hands here would go up. I suppose that nobody here is without a Bible. But if I were to ask, ‘How many here, constantly, as a habit and a delight, meditate upon the Scriptures?’—I wonder what answers I would receive? Well, I will not ask you that question, but let everybody ask it for himself and judge himself concerning it in the sight of God.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3090

“As the Apostle John says, ‘All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.’ All these evils continually beset us and powerful, indeed, must be that stream which can counteract and overcome them! Yet Jesus Christ does this through coming ‘by water’ as well as by blood!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3252

“If men become negligent of hearing and our audience dwindles down to a handful, it will be a great distress to us if we have to remember that when the many were anxious to hear, we were not diligent to preach to them. He who will not reap when the fields are white unto the harvest, will have only himself to blame if in other seasons he is unable to fill his arms with sheaves!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3155

“The greatness of the Divine promises, instead of staggering our faith, ought to be the evidence of their truthfulness! Is it reasonable to suppose that God would promise to do only little things for those who trust Him? Oh, judge not so! He ‘does great things past finding out; yes, and wonders without number.’ His mercies are high as Heaven, and wide as the East is from the West!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3119

“Oh, that the Lord Jesus would now send fire into all your souls and make you love Him, for surely, if you have but the sense of what He has done and how He did it, and what it cost Him to do it, and who He is that has done it—and who you were for whom He has done it—you will surely say, ‘Oh, for a thousand hearts that I may love You as I should, and a thousand tongues that I may praise You as I should!’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3203

“The best thing we ever do needs to be washed in the fountain filled with blood, or God can only look upon it as a sin.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3083

“If any of you have thought that trusting Christ does not involve obeying Him, you have made a great mistake. They do very wrong who cry up believing in Christ and yet depreciate obedience to Him, for obeying is believing in another form and springs out of believing. Neither may anyone say, ‘I will obey one command of Christ, but I will not obey another.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3310

“The Inquisition, in its dreary vaults, almost rivaled Hell in its pains and torments, but it was not able to quench the noble spirit of God’s faithful servants. The persecutors may do what they will, but only give us a band of men and women who have God’s Spirit in them—and even though their foe may tear them limb from limb—they shall not conquer them! It is impossible that God’s true saints should be overcome, for they have a glory of strength that nothing can destroy!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3140

“Generally there is no greater coward in this world than the man who never will acknowledge that he is afraid.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3253

“There is no eye that is quicker to see the mercy of God than an eye that is washed with the tears of repentance!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3278

“Morality is excellent as far as it goes, but without holiness no man shall see the Lord—and holiness far exceeds mere morality. Holiness can only be produced by a real change of heart and that real change of heart can only come through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit which manifests itself through faith in Jesus Christ.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3132

“You must be Believers, or the blood of Jesus Christ itself shall never be sprinkled upon you to your cleansing. However great your sins may have been, all manner of sin and iniquity shall be forgiven you if you believe. The greatness of your sin shall not shut you out of Heaven—only unbelief will stop the way.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3217

“Your sins are not put away through your repentance. That repentance becomes to you the token of the pardon of sin, but the true cleansing is found, not in the eyes of the penitent, but in the wounds of Jesus! Your sins were virtually discharged upon the accursed Cross. You stand this day accepted, not for anything you are, or can be, or shall be, but entirely and wholly through the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3203

“When death is called a sleep, it is not because the soul sleeps—that, we are told by Holy Scripture—rises at once to Heaven. The soul of the saint is found at once before the Throne of God. It is the *body* which is said to sleep. The soul sleeps not! Absent from the body, it is present with the Lord. It stretches its wings and flies away up to yonder realm of joy! And there, reveling in delight, bathing itself in bliss, it finds a rest from the turmoil of earth infinitely better than any rest in sleep. It is the body, then, that sleeps, and the body only.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3077

“Unless we give abundant attention to the Word of God, we shall fall into mistakes beyond number! Errors are unavoidable if we do not study our perfect Chart, even as it is certain that a man will lose his way if he never enquires about it. At any rate, we need not rush into mistakes by omitting to use our judgment, and to inform our understanding.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3168

“Genuine evangelical repentance runs in double harness with faith and they should never be separated. To suppose that we are to go through a sort of quarantine before we can be admitted into the harbor of salvation is a very serious mistake. Our text flatly [Psalm 18:44] contradicts this idea, for it says, ‘As soon as they hear of Me, they shall obey Me.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3310

“The best way to preach of the faithful Promiser is to tell you some of His promises. I will not tell you what treasures there are in Christ’s cabinet—I will break the door open and let you look at some more of the treasures for yourselves!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3081

“If God has sent us to preach His Word, you may depend upon it that He will resent it if you do not hear the message that He sends to you through us. It will not merely be a rejection of the ambassador of Christ, but a rejection of the King who sent him to you! Therefore, I pray that God may give to each one of you a hearing ear.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3082

“If a man’s skepticism includes a doubt of the existence of God, or the truth of Scripture, we will talk to him another time. But with most of you there are no such questions, and the Lord Jesus might well demand of you, ‘If I tell you the truth, why do you not believe Me?’ If before the Judgment Seat of Christ a man shall be forced to confess, ‘I believe the Bible to be God’s Word,’ I cannot imagine the apology which he can frame in his heart for not having believed in Jesus Christ! To you, then, there is no lack of evidence—and if you are shut out of Heaven, your own willful unbelief must bear the blame!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3217

“If you are never afraid about the condition of your souls, I am afraid for you!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3253

“The Beatitudes before us, which relate to character, are seven. The eighth is a benediction upon the persons described in the seven Beatitudes when their excellence has provoked the hostility of the wicked and, therefore, it may be regarded as a confirming and summing up of the seven blessings which precede it. . . *The whole seven describe a perfect character and make up a perfect benediction.* Each blessing is separately precious,

yes, more precious than much fine gold. But we do well to regard them as a whole, for as a whole they were spoken, and from that point of view they are a wonderfully perfect chain of seven priceless links put together with such consummate art as only our heavenly Bezaleel, the Lord Jesus, ever possessed!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3155

“God, the Everlasting Father, has staked His honor and His Glory upon the success of Christ. I make bold to say that if Christ wins not the world, and if He is not crowned King of kings and Lord of lords, it is not Jesus that is dishonored so much as the Great Father by whom He was ordained, sent and anointed!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3279

“Do you believe on the Son of God?” is the most important question that a man can ever have to answer! This is vitally and overwhelmingly important.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3132

“We need not say, as many do, that ‘He is a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God,’ for prayer-hearing involves prayer-answering! O mourners, still mourn before your God, but mourn with this mixture of hope—that God will not suffer the groaning that arises from your heart, in the name of Jesus, to be like the mere whisperings of the wind! He will hear them before long!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3113

“It is not faith to trust God as a saint when you feel you are a saint. Faith is to trust Christ as a sinner—while you are conscious that you are a sinner. To come to Jesus and to think yourselves pure, is a sorry coming to Him—but to come with all your impurity—this is true coming.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3203

“For the most part there is such a thing as terror in prospect of death—the fear is often greater in prospect than in reality! In fact, it is always so in the case of the Christian. But yet, when we give ourselves up to fear for a time, we are grievously afraid.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3253

“It was one of the worst days that ever dawned upon the Church of Christ when it began to cultivate the art of oratory and turned aside to ‘enticing words of man’s wisdom.’ But when men speak out of an overflowing soul of what God has done for them, that is the power which the Spirit of God gives to them and the power which He will bless to their hearers! They do not then try to use out-of-the-way words and nicely rounded sentences, nor to pile up perorations—for that is magnifying the preacher and dishonoring the Word that has come out of the mouth of God!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3140

“We are never so near to the condition of the glorified saints above as when we are, with heart, and soul, and voice, glorifying God!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3105

“There is life for a look at the Crucified One.”—There is life for a look—even though the heart should be as hard as the nether millstone! There is life for a look—even though as yet the character has undergone no change! There is life for a look—even though you cannot see any signs of Grace—“There is life for a look at the Crucified One.”

“No man that I know of saw the blood upon the lintel and the two side posts, at the dead of night, in the land of Egypt, for there were none abroad to look upon it—but God saw it, and it is written—“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.” When God sees our simple confidence in His dear Son and perceives us resting upon His Word without the admixture of human reason and opinion, then, Beloved, He will accept us in the Beloved and our house shall stand when others fall!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3168

“There is one word that every true servant of Christ must be able to speak very distinctly—that word is Substitution. I believe that substitution is the keyword to all true theology—Christ standing in the place of sinners and numbered with the transgressors because of their transgressions, not His own—Christ paying our debts and discharging all our liabilities. This truth involves, of course, our taking Christ’s place as He took ours, so that all Believers are Beloved, accepted, made heirs of God, and in due time shall be glorified with Christ forever.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3218

“There is no grief which the Holy Spirit cannot relieve! That Divine Comforter knows so well how to get at the secret springs of our sorrow and to put the comfort right into the spring, itself, that there can never be a grief which can elude Him, or which can baffle His skill.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“What the Lord does requires no time. We need weeks, months, years, to do what we have so do, but when Christ had even to raise the dead, He did it in a moment! He simply said, ‘Lazarus, come forth,’ and there was Lazarus! He touched the bier on which the dead young man lay—and the young man at once sat up and began to speak! He said to the little maiden, ‘Talitha cumi,’” and she opened her eyes at once and rose from her bed ready to eat the refreshment which the Savior commanded her parents to bring her! O poor Sinners, I pray you do not doubt that the great mercy, the free mercy of Jesus Christ is to be given even now, if your hand is but stretched out to receive it!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3119

“If one should spend one’s whole life for God and win only one soul by the most earnest and devoted effort, it would be a rich reward to see that one star shining forever in the firmament of Heaven, to see that one gem glistening forever in the diadem of Christ, to see that one sheep feeding forever in the pastures of Eternal Life!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3310

“When your souls are at the blackest, seek for nothing but the blood! When your soul are at the darkest, seek no light anywhere but in the Cross! Do not cling to preparations, to humbling, to repentings. All these things are good in their way, but they cannot be a balsam to a wounded conscience! Christ and Christ crucified is what you need.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3203

“That is true faith which, when it cannot stand by itself, which sees death written upon all its own power, which sees almost all its hopes withered and blasted with the East wind, yet cries, ‘My God, it is enough! My soul waits only upon You. My expectation is from You.’ This is, indeed, the way to honor God!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3253

“The depravity of mankind is a miracle of sin. It is as great a miracle from one point of view, as the Grace of God is from another. Jesus Christ neglected! Eternal Love slighted! Infinite Mercy disregarded!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3086

“Ah Sin, what a shameful thing you must be! Blush, Christian, that you should be guilty of it. Blush again, that you do not blush more often! Be ashamed that you are not ashamed of sin, and be offended that your heart should be so stolid over a thing so detestable.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3311

“Give us a Bible reading, Bible loving people, and all the ‘priests’ in the world, with all their finery, will never make any headway! An open Bible is death to their follies and lies if there are but people with open eyes to read it! The worst of it is that although we have the open Bible, we have not as many Bible readers and Bible lovers as we wish to see. May the Lord graciously increase the number the wide world over!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3090

“When Rutherford was talking of the beauties of the Christ whom he loved so dearly, one of his hearers was compelled to cry out, “Now, mon, you are on the right string, keep to that!” And, indeed, this is a theme that might stir the stammerer to speak with power and make the very dumb to be eloquent for Christ! Oh, how glorious is our blessed Lord!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3218

“Till we are emptied of self we cannot be filled with God. Stripping must be worked upon us before we can be clothed with the righteousness which is from Heaven. Christ is never precious till we are poor in spirit—we must see our own needs before we can perceive His wealth. Pride blinds the eyes and sincere humility must open them or the beauties of Jesus will be forever hidden from us.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3156

“Where Christ is exalted, there will be a willing, generous people. I do not believe it is so much the fault of Christians that they have not given more to the cause of God, as it has been the fault of ministers that they have not more fully preached Jesus Christ.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3100

“One of the most powerful preachers who ever lived was the Prophet Jonah. And I believe that Jonah learned to preach by going, in the whale’s belly, to the bottom of the Mediterranean. That voyage was better than a university education for him and he became a good sound Calvinist before he was cast up again upon the land. He said, ‘Salvation is of the Lord,’ before the Lord told the fish to give him up and I have no doubt that he often preached that doctrine afterwards!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3113

“It is no part of the business of Christ’s ministers to modify the Truth of God which He has entrusted to them, or to put new meanings into it which God never meant, draining away the very life-blood of the Gospel and leaving it dead and useless! But it *is* both our duty and our privilege to state it just as we find it and to proclaim it in as plain a language as possible so that everybody may understand what the teaching of God really is.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3203

“Yes, the Master is pleased, in the assembly of His saints, when we break the Bread of Life, to feed the multitude to the fullest and they go away refreshed!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“Now, dear Friends, let us say that *there is no blood and no water that can wash away sin anywhere but in Christ*. All the blood of bulls could not take away sin, though offered by Aaron, himself, the father of the Levitical priesthood! And all the water in the world, though consecrated by bishops, cardinals and popes, cannot take away a single spot of iniquity! The only blood that can cleanse us from God’s wrath is the blood of Jesus Christ, Himself, and the only water that can wash out of us the damning stain of sin is the water which came from Jesus Christ’s heart!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3311

“Beloved, there is no difference in the affection of God towards His children! There is an elect out of the elect, I will acknowledge, as to gifts and standing and as to the labor they may accomplish in this world—but there is no election out of the elect as for a deeper extent of love! They are all loved alike! They are all written in the same book of eternal love and life. They were all purchased with the same precious blood of the Sa-

...They are all saved by the same Grace, loved by the same love, heirs of the same inheritance—and Jesus Christ puts them all together when He says, ‘Neither pray I for these alone, but for them, also, which shall believe on Me through their word.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3133

“Ah, my Hearers, had humbling is this truth to our pride—that the curse of God is upon everyone who is of the seed of Adam, that every child born into this world is born under the curse since it is born under the Law.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3254

“Coming here, the other afternoon, and walking down one of the back streets, I amused myself by observing how many houses were insured. I noticed the marks of the different Insurance Companies. There was *the sun* on one, with his bright face looking down upon us, as much as to say, ‘There shall be no loss here.’ The *globe*, *the star*, *the Phoenix*—all were there as seals of safety. Now there was only one house in Jericho that was insured—and that had for its symbol and mark of insurance a scarlet line tied in the window! What a mercy it is when houses are insured by the Grace of God and dedicated to the Lord—the very houses and, much more—the inhabitants of those houses!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3168

“We must be very clear in telling the sinner that there is no hope for him anywhere else but in Christ. Nine out of ten of the arrows in a minister’s quiver ought to be shot at the sinner’s good works, for these are his worst enemies. That “deadly doing” that needs to be cast “down at Jesus’ feet”—that *trying to be or to feel something* in order that they may save themselves—this is the curse of many!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3218

“No lie was ever more extraordinary than the lie that baptismal water can regenerate the soul. I marvel more and more that I should find myself living in an age of such idiots and have almost come to think that Carlyle was right when he spoke of our nation as, ‘Consisting of twenty million people, mostly fools.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3311

“I do implore you never to be satisfied with any religion which does not affect your heart, and with no religious exercise which is not true heart-work. You might as well be sitting in your own homes as be here without your hearts.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3094

“The best way to repay God, and the way He loves best, is to take encouragement from past answers to prayer and ask Him ten times as much each time! Nothing pleases God as much as when a sinner comes again very soon with twice as large a petition, saying, ‘Lord, You did hear me last time, and now I have come again.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3120

“I wish that all the saints would meet for Communion on every ‘first day of the week.’ I cannot conceive it to be possible for them to meet thus too often. As for myself, unless sickness keeps me away, I find it most helpful to come to the Lord’s Table every Lord’s-Day, for although we believe neither in, transubstantiation nor in consubstantiation, yet there is a very real sense in which we do spiritually eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man and so become ‘strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“Are you concerned about how you are to get food and clothing? How can God deny you such trifles as these when He has given you His Son? Perseverance in Grace—is that what you ask? Even that is but a crumb under the Master’s table compared with His Son! You need certain virtues, you need help in trouble, you need sustenance under stern difficulties—I know not what you need, but this I know—all the needs of all of us put together could only make one little drop in comparison with the tremendous ocean of benevolence which flowed out of God’s heart when He spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3204

“Give the Gospel a fair consideration and very especially and impartially weigh in the scales of sound judgment the Doctrine of the Atoning Sacrifice of Christ. Sit down at the foot of the Cross and study the wounds of Jesus—and do not pour contempt and scorn upon Him until you have found good reason to do so—and that I am sure you never will do. Shake off all prejudice, again I entreat you, for it is a deadly disease which may prove eternally fatal to you.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3312

“If every convert were brought in through the usual means of Grace, we would come to regard conversion as a necessary result from certain fixed causes—and attribute some mystic virtue to the outward means. But when God is pleased to distribute the blessing entirely apart from these, then He shows that He can do without means as well as with means—that nothing is too mighty a work for Him, that His arm is not shortened at all so that He needs to use an instrument to make up the length of it—neither has He lost any strength so as to be forced to appeal to us to make up the deficiency!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3075

“If our prayers were forcible according to their expression, then rhetoric would be more valuable than Grace and a scholastic education would be better than sanctification—but it is not so. Some of us may be able to express ourselves very fluently from the force of natural gifts, but it should always be to us an anxious question whether our prayer is a prayer which God will receive, for we ought to know and must know by this time, that we often pray best when we stammer and stutter—and we pray worst when words come rolling like a torrent, one after another! God is not moved by words—they are but a noise to Him. He is only moved by the deep thought and the heaving emotion which dwell in the innermost spirit.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3083

“Eternity alone can reveal the value of Christ! By the miseries of the Hell from which He saves us, let us measure Him! By the bliss of the Heaven to which He lifts us, let us estimate His worth! By the depths of ignominy and shame into which He dived, let us conceive of Him! By the glories He relinquished and by the agonies He bore, let us attempt to form some faint idea of His value!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3204

“It were enough to make our knees knock together, to chill our blood and to cause every hair of our head to stand on end if we did but know what it is to be under the curse of God!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3254

“The learned have collected 288 different opinions of the ancients with regard to happiness—and there is not one which hits the mark! But our Lord has, in a few telling sentences, [the Beatitudes] told us all about it without using a solitary redundant word, or allowing the slightest omission! The seven golden sentences are perfect as a whole and each one occupies its appropriate place. Together they are a ladder of light—and each one is a step of purest sunshine.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3155

“There is no lack which a Christian ever has which Christ cannot fully supply and there is nothing in Christ which is not useful to a Christian.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3218

“I long to see my Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven, but I think I would almost as gladly have seen Him in the carpenter’s shop. I delight in the thought that I shall see Him on the Throne of God, but I sometimes wish that I could have seen Him on the Cross, for it was there that His love reached its climax as He bore our sins in His own body on the tree!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3312

“Beloved Believer, remember that you are not *partly* saved, but you are wholly saved! The robe you wear today does not reach part of the way to cover you, but covers you from head to foot! The washing which the Savior has given you has not washed away a part of your spots, but you are clean every whit! And looking upon the work of your salvation as you receive it from the hands of Jesus, you may rest as God rested and keep a long and blessed Sabbath just as God has kept it! He rested because His creative work was finished—and you may rest because the work of your salvation is also finished!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3169

“For a man to bend his knees and utter the hypocritical language of affection before God which he never feels in his heart is little short of blaspheming God. We must have very light thoughts of God when we try to deceive Him with such prayers as these.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3133

“What we do for God, God’s Grace has first bestowed upon us! If there is any virtue, if there is any zeal, if there is any faith, if there is any love, it is the result of the Grace of God bestowed upon us! Always look upon things in that light, for then you will not grow proud. Give what you may, and do what you may—you may regard it as the effect of the Grace of God bestowed upon you.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3092

“In the olden days, ‘they that feared the Lord spoke often, one to another.’ Let this good practice be revived, for thereby, depend upon it, many will be strengthened in the Lord!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“O Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we have need to pray for God the Holy Spirit to work mightily among us! We have the Holy Spirit still with us, so we have no need to pray that He would come down from Heaven. He came down at Pentecost and He never went back to Heaven, so He is still here. He is in all His people! He is in this assembly right now. He dwells among us, though we are apt to forget that He does. We reckon that the glory of our strength lies in our ministers, or in our organizations, or in our creeds. We forget that the glory of our strength is *spiritual* and lies in the Holy Spirit, Himself, who is in us and who shall be forever in us if we are truly the Lord’s!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3140

“It is a sweet thought to me that even Satan himself can never rob me of my pardon. I may lose my copy of it, and lose my comfort from it, but the original pardon is filed in Heaven!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3254

“Those who follow the despised Christ will not be rejected by the reigning Christ!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3312

“When a man becomes nothing in his own estimation, then Jesus Christ becomes everything to him, but not till then. Self is an effectual darkener of the windows of the soul. How can men see the Gospel while they see so much of themselves? With such a noble righteousness of their own to deck themselves with, is it likely that they will buy of Christ the fine white linen which is the righteousness of saints?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3205

“Virtues in unregenerate men are nothing but whitewashed sins! The best performance of an unchanged character is worthless in God’s sight. It lacks the stamp of Grace upon it and that which has not the stamp of Grace is false coin. Be it ever so beautiful in model and finish, it is not what it should be. ‘So then they that are in the flesh cannot praise God.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3105

“When a certain clergyman asked the Duke of Wellington, ‘Does Your Grace think it is any use preaching the Gospel to the Hindus?’ He simply replied, ‘What are your marching orders?’ As a soldier, he believed in obeying orders. And when the clergyman answered that the orders were,

‘Preach the Gospel to every creature,’ the Duke said, ‘Then your duty is quite clear. Obey your Master’s orders and don’t you trouble, about anybody else’s opinions.’—Volume 56, Sermon #3218

“If some preachers whom I know, instead of having lessons in elocution, were sent for a little while down into the depths of soul-despair. If they were tried, plagued, vexed and chastened every morning, they would learn a way of speaking which would reach the people’s hearts far better than any that can be learned by human teaching!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3113

“Beloved, to make a true Sabbath, there must be a sanctifying of the day—it must be a holy day if it is to be a restful day. It is no use for men to say that they can get a rest by spending the Sabbath in amusement—they never will. There is no perfect rest to our entire manhood except in holiness and holy exercises, alone, can give complete rest to our whole being.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3169

“The clearer view we have of Christ, the firmer confidence we have in His faithfulness and His power to save, the stronger will our spiritual nature grow and the more like our Lord shall we become! They who live near to Christ must derive strength from Him.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“Let me tell you that you virtually pray for Christ, Beloved, *whenever you pray for one of His people*. And whenever we do a kindness to one of them, we do it unto Him. Whenever we pray for one of His servants, we pray for Christ! You prayed for that poor miserable looking penitent who was afraid to call himself a Christian, though he was so in deed and in truth. Do you know that you then prayed for Christ? You interceded for that simple-minded woman who did not know the way to Heaven and who asked you to put up a prayer to God that she might be taught. Do you know that you then prayed for Christ, for she was part of His flesh and blood and was afterwards brought into His family.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3100

“Now, am I addressing one man who feels that he is saved by faith, and yet he is sinning as he used to do? Give up that belief, Sir, or it will ruin you! I pray you do not indulge in it, for it is a delusion of Satan! Do I address one man who has a hope that perhaps he can so trust Christ as to be saved, and yet continue to live in his own wicked way? If anyone has told you that, he has told you a lie! Rest assured that you are mistaken! Christ never came to be the minister of sin. He came to save us, not *in* our sins, but *from* our sins.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3311

“Observe well that the patience of Job was the patience of *a man like ourselves*, imperfect and full of infirmity, for as one has well remarked, we have heard of the impatience of Job as well as of his patience!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3255

“And how many there are in this city of London, in what we call this ‘enlightened’ 19th Century, who know a great deal about a thousand things, but nothing about the one thing necessary! They have never troubled to study Christ and so, for lack of knowledge, they grope about as the blind!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3205

“There is not one step in the whole Divine experience of the Believer—not one link in the wonderful chain of Divine Grace—in which there is a withdrawal of the Divine smile or an absence of real happiness! Blessed is the first moment of the Christian life on earth—and blessed is the last!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3155

“We preach Christ to the harlots in the street and oh, how joyfully have many of them received Him and how gladly have they found cleansing from their foul stains in Jesus’ precious blood! We preach Christ to the drunk, for we believe that nothing but the Grace of God can rescue him from his degradation and sin—and many such sinners have we seen reclaimed by the Gospel!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3218

“Do you not know that God is an eternal, self-existent Being, that to say He loves *now*, is, in fact, to say He *always did love*, since with God there is no past and can be no future? What we call past, present and future, He wraps up in one eternal NOW. And if you say that He loves you *now*, you thereby say that He loved you yesterday, He loved you in the past eternity and He will love you forever—for *now* with God is past, present and future!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3133

“Christ is your Savior from beginning to end, so always regard Him in that light. And as your Savior, let it be very comforting to you to reflect that He is Divine—“The only wise *God* our Savior.” He who has undertaken to save you is no mere man and no angel—He is nothing less than the Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient God!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3074

“Working for the Lord necessitates prayer and this is a great blessing to us. If a man gives himself wholly to soul-winning, he must be much in prayer, for he will be all at sea without help from Heaven! If he tries to comfort the downcast penitent, how readily will he be baffled! How soon will he cry to the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to do the work effectually!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3313

“Our Doctrine may be as high as the Scripture warrants us in teaching, but we shall never find there any ground for the infamous deduction that because God works in us, we are to lie inert as if we were logs or stones. Oh, no! That is not His will concerning us, for the Apostolic injunction

is, “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which works in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“Many judge what the Gospel ought to be, but do not actually enquire as to what it is. They do not come to the Bible to obtain their views of religion, but they open that Book to find texts to suit the opinions which they bring to it. They are not open to the honest force of the Truth of God and, therefore, are not saved by it!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3205

“Dead fish float down the stream, but live fish swim against it. Do you swim against the stream? Have you learned to go against the current? Do you strive to get up, up towards the great Source of everything that is good and true or do you float along the stream of pleasure with the masses of the world? Then you may readily know to which side you belong.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3079

“The Dog of Hell is allowed to snap and snarl, but his chain is not removed and the collar of Omnipotent restraint is on him. Come, dear Friends, you that are in trouble, remember that God is in your sorrow, ruling it to its desired end and checking it that it should go no further than according to His will! And you neither have suffered, nor in the future will suffer, any more than He in Infinite Love permits!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3255

“The man who believes in Jesus knows that he is saved, so he has no need to try to save himself. That work is done and done forever! And now we work *from* life, not *for* life! Now we work because *we are saved*, not in order *to be saved*! Now we feel that we have not to win any merit by anything that we do, but that the Infinite Merit of Christ has already procured for us full acceptance with God. And what we have to do now is to prove our gratitude to God for the Divine work that is already completed. What a blessed thing it is to rest both from the sinful service of Satan and from the servile service of the Law!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3169

“God wants nothing of us except our needs and these furnish Him with room to display His bounty when He freely supplies them! It is from the worse and not from the better side of fallen man that the Lord wins glory for Himself. Not what I have, but what I have not, is the first point of contact between my soul and God.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3156

“Does anybody know how precious the Gospel is till he has seen it light up the eyes that were dim with despondency? Does any man know how the joyful sound of the name of Jesus can charm a heart till he has seen the smile of newborn faith? I do not see how our coming memories can minister to our eternal happiness unless we earnestly labor to being sinners to the Savior!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3313

“We know that there is a Book of Life before the Throne of God and that no more names can be written there—they were all recorded before the foundation of the world when the Father gave to Christ those who are to be eternally His. We cannot mount up to Heaven to read the names that are written there, but we believe the list contains millions upon millions of names of those who have not yet trusted in Christ, so we mean to keep on preaching Christ to sinners of every age, of every rank, of every sort, of every degree of blackness and vileness! And we believe that ‘there is yet room,’ there is yet mercy for the miserable, there is yet forgiveness for the guilty who will come and trust in Jesus Christ and Him crucified!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3218

“Daughters of godly parents, children of those who have gone before to eternal Glory, I entreat you, look to Jesus! Go and present your suit to Him now. It shall surely prosper. If the question was once doubtful, it has now become ‘a statute of judgment.’ The Lord has commanded it! May God bless these counsels and exhortations to you, for Christ’s sake! Amen.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3141

“Some of you, too, whom I have been addressing for years, are Believers in the head, but unbelievers in the heart, not really putting your trust in Jesus! Who can see if he refuses the Light of God? Who shall find salvation if he will not trust the Savior for it? Unbelief is as sure to destroy those who are guilty of it as faith is sure to save Believers!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3205

“Fussy work that is done for Christ without communion with Christ comes to nothing because it is not worked in the strength of God. O my Brothers and Sisters, nothing can come out of us if it is not first worked in us by the Holy Spirit! It is essential that a Christian worker should himself be the workmanship of God. If we would heal, we must be healthy. If we get out of fellowship with Jesus, it will lead to innumerable evils... You must walk in the light as God is in the light if you are to enlighten a dark world and glorify your Lord!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3313

“O my God, if You should make all Your goodness pass before me, all Your goodness to the children of man, I must sit me down on an adamant rock forever and look through eternity! I should wear these eyes out and must have eyes of fire, or else I should never be able to see all Your goodness towards the sons of men!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3120

“A life of Christian activity down here is a fitting prelude to a life of heavenly activity up there! The best Christians are those who serve God the most.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“It is well to have a little singing as well as weeping at a funeral. It well becomes the burial of the saints. Angels never weep when saints die—they sing. You never heard a saint say, when he was dying, ‘There are angels in the room. Listen! You can hear them sobbing because I am dying.’ No, but we have often heard a saint say, ‘There are angels in the room and I can hear them singing.’ That is because angels are wiser than we are. We judge by the sight of our eyes and the hearing of our ears—but angels judge after another fashion. They ‘see and hear and know’ the joys of the blessed and therefore they have no tears—but they have songs for them and they sing loudly when the Christian is carried Home like a shock of corn fully ripe.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3077

“Never will a man become rich in faith until first he has learned that he is penniless so far as his own merit is concerned. You must be emptied, you must be drained dry, you must be made to feel and to confess that in your flesh there dwells no good thing, or else the Sovereign Mercy of God and the riches of His loving kindness shall never be your heritage.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3256

“The more faith grows, the more rest grows. But when our faith begins to forget the Lord and we commence to worry and to fret, then our rest goes at once. It is glorious to live exempt from care by the blessed power of prayer—to be able to take every trouble to God and leave it with Him.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3169

“There might as well be found water in Hell as true comfort for a soul that realizes its guilt and fears the thunders of the wrath of God, yet is not reconciled to God by the death of His Son. Apart from that Living Water which Jesus came to bring, such a soul is truly in ‘the pit wherein is no water.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3106

“Talking about the Bible is well enough, but searching the Scriptures is better! Feed on the Word yourselves, or else your teaching will be thin and watery.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3313

“A true servant of Christ must never try to let the people see how well he can preach. He must never go out of his way to drag a pretty piece of poetry in his sermon, nor to introduce some fine quotations from the classics. He must employ a simple, homely style, or such a style as God has given him. And he must preach Christ so plainly that his hearers can not only understand him, but that they *cannot misunderstand* him even if they try to do so.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3218

“Beloved, you must have a personal experience of the things of God, or you cannot help newborn souls. If you do not know what it is to pass from death to life, and do not know the marks of regeneration, you are useless.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3205

“It is better for each one of us to be rendering our homage to God than picking holes in the coats of others, so let each one of us ask, ‘What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3086

“But when the roll was read just now, where was that man who used to teach in the Sunday school ten years ago? He has given up, he says, to let the young people have a turn. Yes, but he would not like the Lord to leave off blessing him and to give the young people all His Presence and Grace!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3082

“An Omnipotent hand created us out of nothing and the same Omnipotence is needed to bring us to feel that we are nothing! We can never be saved unless we are made alive by Infinite Power, nor can we be made alive at all unless that same Power shall first slay us. It is amazing how much is needed to strip a man and lay him in his true place!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3156

“The length and breadth and depth and height of Scripture all surpass the comprehension of mortal men! And though we do unfeignedly believe and devoutly rejoice in them, it is not within the range of our powers to fully comprehend them.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3314

“I remember an old countryman saying to me, long ago, ‘Depend upon it, my Brother, if you or I get one inch above the ground, we get just that inch too high.’ And I believe it is so. Flat on our faces before the Cross of Christ is the place for us—realizing that we are nothing and that Jesus Christ is everything!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3169

“There are some of you between whom and myself there are ties which death cannot snap. I will find you in Heaven if I can and I know you will desire to meet me. The Lord gave you to me as my spiritual children and if it should come to pass that earthly fathers should not see their children in Heaven, yet the spiritual father will see his children there praising and blessing the Lord! One of the next joys to knowing Christ, yourself, must surely be that of leading others to know Him. Seek after this bliss!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3205

“‘Light be.’ ‘Light was.’ God had but to speak the word and the great wonder was accomplished! How there was light before there was any sun—for the sun was not created until the fourth day of the week—it is not for us to say. But God is not dependent upon His own creation. He can make light without a sun! He can spread the Gospel without the aid of ministers, He can convert souls without any human or angelic method, for He does as He wills in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3141

“I know that if there is much to dispirit me in my ministry and I see but little of its effects, yet He shall keep all whom the Father has given to Him—and this makes me preach. I come into this Chapel tonight with the assurance that God has some child of His in this place—not yet called—and I feel confident that He will call someone by the use of the ministry, so why not by me?”—Volume 55, Sermon #3133

“Ask the gardener which is the best apple tree in the garden and he will tell you that it is not the one which has the best shape, but the one which yields the most fruit! And he is not the best Christian who occupies the highest position, or who talks the most about Divine things, but it is he whose life is most fruitful in good works to the Glory of God!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“Have you come to the end of yourself? Well, then, now you have come to the beginning of God! It is when the last penny of creature merit is gone that God comes to us with the boundless treasures of His Grace! If you have one moldy crust of your own homemade bread left, you shall not have the Bread of Heaven! But when you are starved. When you have no goodness in you, nor any hope of goodness, no merit, nor hope of merit, no reliance, nor shadow of reliance upon anything that you are, or ever can be—then is the time to cast yourself upon the all-sufficient mercy of God in Christ Jesus!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3113

“It is brightness that discovers dimness, holiness that reveals unholiness and the purity of God that shows the impurity of man.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3256

“We must hold firmly whatever we have learned of the Truth of God, but we must always be prepared to learn more. To say of my Bible that I have attained to every height that it reveals, is as foolish as to say that I have reached the highest degree of spiritual life that is possible.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3314

“It were well if we were to have some seasons set apart for seeking communion with Christ, for at such times He would bless us.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3073

“There is never a child of God brought into the Church by man’s contrivance or man’s persuasions—each precious stone is brought there by God, and by God alone! No child of God is sanctified by man—he is sanctified by the living God. No heir of Heaven is fitted into the Church by man—God alone puts him into his proper position.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3093

“If there is not enough prayer in us to stir our own hearts, how can we expect that God should be moved by our entreaties? It was not so with Jacob—“He blessed him there.” There he prevailed, and if you want a blessing, you must get it in that way. When you get to the state that you will take no denial—that you would sooner die than not be blessed—you shall get it.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3219

“Human weakness is a small obstacle to salvation compared with human strength—there lies the work and the difficulty! Hence it is a sign of Grace to know one’s need of Grace. He has some Light of God in his soul who knows and feels that he is in darkness.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3156

“Wherever the Bible goes, it appears not as an exotic, but as a homegrown flower. And whenever the Gospel is preached, it comes, not as a Revelation from the East, or the West, or the North, or the South, but as God’s message to all mankind in the whole world!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3314

“I rejoice that so many whom I am now addressing are occupied in various forms of Christian activity—and I hope that each one of us who loves the Lord will continue thus to walk up and down in His name until He calls us to serve Him in the upper sanctuary!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3260

“Then, again, it is true that *no man, even as a saint, can see God’s face and live*—not because of moral disability, but because of physical inability. The body is not strong enough to bear the sight or vision of God. I cannot tell whether even the saints in Heaven see God. God dwells among them, but I do not know whether they ever behold Him. That is a speculation. We can leave that till we get there—we will decide it when we get to Heaven.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3120

“If that which men see of you is foul, how foul must you be where only God can see you? We are none of us better than we seem, but we are all of us far worse than we think. May God tear away every veil which hides us from ourselves, that we may see ourselves even as we are in His sight!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3206

“Show your love to Jesus by trying to find some of His lost sheep for Him. Awaken yourselves, my Brothers and Sisters who have entered into rest, and prove to mankind that the grand old Calvinistic Doctrine of a finished salvation does not breed sluggishness! Rise, I pray you, and show that the children of the freewoman are not slothful, but that the motive of gratitude to God is a higher and more potent one than the selfish mo-

tive of seeking to save yourselves! Let those who want to save themselves go and work for themselves, but as for you who are saved, go and work for Jesus!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3169

“I tell you, Sinners, if you are lost, it will not be for lack of mercy! If your sins destroy you, it will not be because the blood of the Covenant has not power to wash away your sins. If you perish, it will not be because Jesus Christ is not able to save you. Why will it be, then? It will be because you have not believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, for ‘he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3106

“Now, our manna does not come to us every morning, but it comes once a year and is preparing all the time. Behind the baker’s cart with its daily call is the miller. Behind the miller is the farmer and behind the farmer is God who makes the earth to yield her fruits and to multiply them for the sustaining of the whole race of men!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3315

“Desponding soul, if Jesus speaks to you today you will not be desponding any longer! There is such potency in the word, ‘Jesus,’ that I think it ought to be sung in all hospitals to charm away diseases! Wherever there are diseased hearts and troubled spirits, I would always go and sing, ‘Jesus!’ When He draws near to comfort His people, midnight becomes noon and the thickest darkness becomes a blaze of meridian splendor, for Grace is poured into His lips!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3081

“That He does choose them [to salvation] is clear enough from Scripture, so clear that even such an unbeliever as Bolingbroke said to Mr. Whitefield one day, ‘[If we] let it be taken for granted that the Bible is true, then no other Doctrine but Calvinism can be true, for the Bible teaches it from beginning to end.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3206

“No, Sinner, apart from God, you have not one friend who can help you! You have no merit with which to help yourself, no power to win any merit, no friend to get any merit for you and no character to be a recommendation to you. You are a beggar, indeed.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3256

“We should do well to always make little things as well as great things the objects of prayer.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3142

“God elected His people without ministers. He did not need any ministers to help Him in that. He redeemed His people without ministers. What great Divine could have helped Christ to redeem His people? Yes, more, He can, if He pleases, call His people without ministers, for we know how some have become the subjects of Grace by the reading of the Word, without the assistance of the ministry! And some in the Sunday school have received the words of eternal life. This should make our pride subside at once.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3133

“When I think of it, I can see how my Lord divides the spoil with the strong (Isa 53:12). Death comes and he says, “That is mine.” He has taken the poor wrinkled body! And Christ smiles, and lets him have it, for He takes for His share, the soul, the life! And as He bears him off, He takes the best part of the spoil! He has left Death the husk, but He has, Himself, secured the kernel! Yes, the day will come when He will take the body, too, out of the custody of Death, for not a wreck or a rag of all His saints shall remain in the domains of Death. There is a resurrection of dead bodies as well as an immortality of spirits! Glory be to Christ! In this way, here and hereafter, He divides the spoil with the strong! Strong is Death, but still stronger the Omnipotent Son of God!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3279

“It will be our Heaven here to be out of Heaven for a season if we can but thereby bring others to know the Savior and so add fresh jewels to our Redeemer’s crown!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3315

“Brothers and Sisters, we miss a thousand blessings because we are too busy to commune with God! We are here, there, and everywhere, except where we ought to be. We are running to this and to that instead of sitting with Mary at the Master’s feet. He blessed Mary as she sat there, and there, too, will He be sure to bless us.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3219

“The sweet apples of self-esteem are deadly poison—who would wish to be destroyed by them? The bitter fruits of self-knowledge are always healthful, especially if washed down with the waters of repentance and sweetened with a draught from the wells of salvation! He who loves his own soul will not despise them.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3156

“If we are born only once, we must die twice—but if we are born twice, we die but once—and after that one death which is not really death, we enter into eternal life!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3206

“*“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us” (2 COR 4:7).* The original might very fairly be rendered, “We have this treasure in oyster shells,” for, just as pearls are found in the shells of oysters, so God gives to those who preach the Word, the treasure of the Gospel, yet they are themselves nothing but the oyster shells, nothing but the earthen vessel in which God pleases to place His priceless treasures. If you have done anything in the service of God, my Brother, remember that you are nothing but the oyster shell, it is God’s Truth that is the pearl in you!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3169

“The natural man discerns not the things that are of God, for they are spiritual and can only be spiritually seen and known. But oh, the bliss of knowing that Christ is yours and of entering into nearness of communion with Him! To thrust your hands into His side and your finger into the print of the nails—these are not everyday joys!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3315

“There is one talisman that will open every vault in the treasury of God—the blood of the Covenant! You cannot be denied if you plead the atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ! Knock at Heaven’s gate with the crimson token in your hand and as surely as God loves Jesus Christ—and He loves Him more than all of us put together love Him—He will honor His Son’s great Sacrifice and He will say to you, ‘According to your desire and your faith, so be it unto you.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3106

“O my Soul, what is the cleft of the rock where *you* must stand if you would ever see God’s face and live? Oh, it is the ‘Rock of Ages, cleft for me,’ where I must hide! Oh, what a cleaving that was when Jesus died! O my Soul, enter into the hole in Jesus’ side! That is the cleft of the Rock where you must abide to see God!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3120

“If you have to pray in sore agony of spirit fearing that God has forsaken you, remember that Christ has gone further even than that into the depths of anguish in prayer, for He cried in Gethsemane, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’”—Volume 57, Sermon #3280

“The next thing that Saul would see would be *a Savior in Christ*, for Ananias said to him, ‘The Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto you in the way as you came, has sent me, that you might receive your sight.’ Now Saul would see what an opener of the eyes Jesus is, what a mighty Savior for sinners! And, oh, this is a blessed sight—to see Christ as a Savior, as *my* Savior, opening *my* eyes, so that I can say, ‘One thing I know, whereas I was blind, now I see.’ This is a heavenly sight. May you help many to gaze upon it!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3205

“How impossible it is to fully describe our Lord in human language! He is going away, yet He is, Himself, the way! And He is, Himself, the beginning and the end—He is everything to His people—‘the way, the truth, and the life.’ We are obliged to have mixed metaphors when we talk of Christ, for He is the mixture of everything that is delightful and precious. All over glorious is our Lord—there is no way of setting Him forth to the full in our poor halting speech.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3078

“Ah, no sinner prizes salvation like the sinner who knows he is lost! May our God give you to know that you are!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3316

“The Divine interposition of God in the midst of His Church is her great bulwark, her hope, her shield, her stay.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3087

“I cannot make out what some of you do with your comfortless Gospel—believing that God loves you today and hates you tomorrow. That you are a child of God one day, and a child of the devil the next. I could not believe a Gospel like that. If I were a heathen, I could believe it at once because I could manufacture a god of mud that I could alter with my fingers, and change to any fashion. But if I once believe in the God who “Was and Is, and is to come,” I know that He cannot change and I feel a constancy of faith and a firmness of hope, which the cares and trials of this mortal life cannot destroy. He will not cast off His people whom He has chosen.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3114

“The greatest unfitness for Christ is our own imaginary fitness! When we are utterly undone, we are near to being enriched with the riches of Divine Grace. Out of ourselves is next door to being in Christ. Where we end, mercy begins, or rather, mercy has begun and mercy has already done much for us when we are at the end of our merit, our power, our wisdom and our hope!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3156

“Regeneration makes us actually the children of God, just as adoption makes us virtually the children of God. By regeneration, we become really and truly heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—and our right to Heaven, to all the blessings of the Covenant of Grace, and to the promises of God—arises from this new and heavenly birth!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3206

“Sin is an offense to the nostrils of the thrice-holy Jehovah even more than a dunghill can ever be to the most delicately active man or woman! And when we realize our true condition as sinners, we feel that a dunghill is a fitting place for such a mass of defilement and corruption.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3256

“The glory of the Scriptures is like the glory of the heavens—‘in them has He set a tabernacle for the sun’—and *in the Word of God there is a tabernacle for the Sun of Righteousness*. It is within the Truths of Divine Revelation that Jesus Christ abides as the sun does in its proper sphere. What would the heavens be without the sun? And what would the Scriptures be without the Sun of Righteousness?”—Volume 58, Sermon #3314

“True Christians live for God and work for God—and everyone of us who claims to be a Christian is either working for God or else an impostor. I repeat my declaration that the man who calls himself a Christian and yet does nothing for Christ, is an impostor!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3142

“Praying without a promise is like going to war without a weapon. God is so gracious that He may yield to our entreaties even when He has not given a definite promise concerning what we are asking at His hands. But going to Him with one of His own promises is like going to a bank with a check—He must honor His own promise. We speak reverently, yet very confidently upon this point. To be consistent with His own Character, He must fulfill His own Word which He has spoken! So, when you approach the Throne of Grace, search out the promise that applies to your case and plead it with your heavenly Father, and then expect that He will do as He has said.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3280

“But every morning also brings a new mercy because *every morning ushers in another day*. That is a new reason for praise, for we have no right to an hour, or even a minute, much less to a day. To the sinner, especially, it is a great mercy to have another day of Grace, another opportunity for repentance, a new reprieve from death, a little more space in which to escape from Hell and fly to Heaven.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3170

“Is it not one of the greatest blessings that can occur to us to be made to think little of ourselves? May not God be enriching us most when He is emptying us and preparing us for the largest possible benediction when He is making us to see how destitute in all things we are?”—Volume 56, Sermon #3219

“Many professors say, ‘This course is wrong, judging by the Scriptural standard. But then, society has long tolerated it. No, it has even decreed it to be right.’ But will society judge you at the Last Great Day? If you are cast into Hell as a deceitful professor, will society fetch you out of the bottomless pit? If you are found at last outside the gates of Heaven, will society recompense you for your eternal loss? What have you, O man of God, to do with society? Christians are to come out from among the ungodly to daily take up their cross and follow Christ—to go outside the camp, bearing His reproach. The friend of the world is the enemy of Christ! What have you to do with doing as the world does?”—Volume 54, Sermon #3078

“On the fact of your being born-again, or not being born-again, must hang your everlasting destiny!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3206

“There may be more prayer in a groan than in an entire liturgy. There may be more acceptable devotion in a tear that dampens the floor of yonder pew than in all the hymns we have sung, or in all the supplications which we have uttered! It is not the outward, it is the inward! It is not the lips, it is the heart which the Lord regards! If you can only breathe, your prayer is still accepted by the Most High!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3083

“A girl who had been converted was asked what was the difference between her prayers now and before she was converted. She answered, ‘Sir, first I prayed as my mother taught me, but now I pray as God prompts and teaches me.’ That is a blessed and vital difference!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3316

“There is nothing in this world that is more real than hunger and thirst—and the truly blessed man has such a real passion, desire and craving after righteousness that it can only be likened to hunger and thirst. He *must* have his sins pardoned, he *must* be clothed in the righteousness of Christ, he *must* be sanctified! And he feels that it will break his heart if he cannot get rid of sin. He pleads, he longs, he prays to be made holy! He cannot be satisfied without this righteousness—and his hungering and thirsting for it is a very real thing.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3157

“Only the Spirit of the living God, who first opens our eyes to see our state as beggars can lead us to look to Jesus Christ and find in Him everlasting riches and eternal salvation!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3256

“I love to find those who have not got anything good at all about them. Some like to find something good in men before they preach to them, but I like to find men who think there is nothing good in them—and then to preach God’s Sovereign Mercy to them.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3133

“I do not see how there can be a Church without worship—and I do not see how there can be a Church in a house unless there is constant worship in the family.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“Oh, if there is under Heaven an ordinance that is Christ’s mirror. If there is under Heaven a hand that can withdraw the blind and pull up the lattices and let us see the King in His beauty, it is the Lord’s Supper! He has often blessed us there! Let those who despise the Table of the Lord stay away—but those who have got the blessing will wish to be there often and come again and again, saying, ‘Sirs, we would see Jesus.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3219

“When a martyr has to lay down his life for the Truth of God, his faith is sustained by the comforting Presence of God—he believes in the God who is smiling upon him even while he is in the midst of the fire. But Christ on the Cross trusted in the God who had forsaken Him!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3280

“Nothing is absolutely wonderful except God—all other things are dwarfed and diminished in wondrousness as compared with Him. The Seven Wonders of the World are trifles compared with the seven-million wonders of God!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3317

“The beggar in the street says to you, ‘Help me this time, and I will never ask you to help me again.’ Talk not like that, O you who beg at God’s door of Mercy, but—‘Open your mouth wide and I will fill it’ is the Lord’s gracious exhortation and promise! Spread your wings and soar away to the very Throne of God and then expect that He will still exceed your faith and do for you exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or even think!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3170

“The day comes when they that have been ashamed of His Cross will find themselves losing His crown. ‘No Cross, no crown.’ This is what Christ, Himself, says ‘Whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed when He shall come in His own Glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels.’ If you dare not follow Him because you fear shame, shame shall be your perpetual inheritance!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3207

“This coin of Heaven will not have lost its image or its superscription when time shall be no more—it is of God’s minting and will outlast the world—‘Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3089

“If you teach the Truth and die—and that Truth appears to be forgotten, you have not lived in vain, for that Truth will spring up again in God’s good time! They burnt Jerome of Prague. They took John Huss and when they fastened him to the fatal stake, he said, ‘You may burn the goose, today, but there shall come a swan that you cannot burn’—and that prophecy was fulfilled in Luther, whose crest was a swan.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3142

“O Sinners, quarrel not with Christ for warning you of a Hell from which He would gladly preserve you! Be angry with yourselves, rather, for choosing the path to destruction! Be vexed and wrathful with your own sins for dragging you down to ruin! But oh, be not angry with the loving Savior for telling you, once and for all, that you cannot escape if you neglect this great salvation!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3258

“My dear Brothers and Sisters, are you all consciously Christ’s servants? If so, though the service may at times seem heavy because your faith is weak, yet be very thankful that you are servants at all, for it is better to serve God than to reign over all the kingdoms of this world!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3107

“As little children have their own confections that need no vigorous mastication, but will melt in the mouth, so some passages of Scriptures are prepared as choice morsels for the Lord’s children—they have only to receive them by transparent faith and unaffected love—and their enjoyment is great.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3330

“You may be slow to embrace Him, but He is not slow to embrace you! You may not be saying, with the Psalmist, ‘My heart and my flesh cries out for the living God,’ but He wants to see your face, He longs to hear your voice, for with Him it is now, as it has always been, a time to love.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3220

“Had certain theologians of the present time been present at the Red Sea, they would have cried in sentimental sympathy over the Egyptians! But instead of that, Miriam took a timbrel and said, ‘Sing unto the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously.’ The fates of sinful men are of small moment as compared with the Glory of God! Jehovah fills all things and when the heart is fully taken up with the Glory of God, it learns to sing even this stern refrain—‘To Him that smote Egypt in their first-born: for His mercy endures forever.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3317

“God has so made man’s heart that nothing can ever fill it but God, Himself. There is such a hungering and thirsting put into the quickened man that he discerns his necessity and he knows that only Christ can supply that necessity. When a man is saved, he has obtained all that he needs. When he gets Christ, he is satisfied.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3157

“Do not pray, ‘Preserve me, O God,’ as though you felt that you were a very precious person. It is true that God regards you as one of His jewels if you are a Believer in Jesus, but you are not to regard yourself as a jewel. Think of yourself as a brand plucked from the burning and then you will pray with due humility.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3280

“It is the duty of every Christian to be witnessing for Christ. Jesus still is on trial every day. He stands before the world, as it were, at this very hour, and the question is—Is He the Son of God or not? Witnesses are being examined every day for Him and against Him. “What do you think of Christ?” is a question which is stirring all this city and all lands, more or less!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3207

“Oh, that thought—it staggers thought! It is an idea that overwhelms me—that God is working in all that happens! The sins of man, the wickedness of our race, the crimes of nations, the iniquities of kings, the cruelties of wars, the terrific scourge of pestilence—all these things are, in some mysterious way, working the will of God! I cannot explain this. I cannot tell you where human will and free agency unite with God’s Sovereignty and with His unfailing decrees.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3114

“There is no worker for Christ like the young worker! I bless God that I was preaching the Gospel at sixteen years of age! I could never have found such pleasure and ease in doing my Master’s work if I had not begun to do it early.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3082

“At the worst pinch, God will always be there—you may reckon it as certain that He has never forgotten His people! When the clock strikes and the bell tolls the hour, God will arise for their defense and show Himself to be strong on behalf of all those who put their trust in Him.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3170

“I bless God that the Gospel we have to preach is the Gospel for the illiterate, the Gospel for the poor—and that we can still say, as our Master did—‘The poor have the Gospel preached to them.’ And that many of them have, through that Gospel, become ‘rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which God has promised to them that love Him.’ Do not quarrel with my Master because of the simplicity of the Gospel, lest your pride should hang you on a gallows as high as Haman’s.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3258

“Beloved, have you never felt yourself strangely supported under the direst afflictions, so that they seemed not afflictions at all? And yet when pressure has been removed you have been ready to faint like Samson after he had slain the Philistines! Fear is a strange contradiction, a grim inconsistency, for it is apt to be greatest when the reason for it is least and smallest.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3330

“If you would learn all that you can concerning Jesus Christ, you must diligently study the Word which reveals Him to us.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3314

“While the Golden Rule is more admired than practiced by ordinary men, the Christian should always do unto others as he would that they should do unto him. He should be one whose word is his bond and who, having once pledged his word, swears to his own hurt, but changes not.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3281

“Young converts, make the best use you can of your earliest consecrated hours—let the love of your espousals be inexpressibly sweet. There will be many other times of love, but none of them will ever have quite the same sweetness as you enjoyed when first you realized that Christ had loved you with an everlasting love and, therefore, with loving kindness had drawn you unto Himself.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3220

“How often have we seen the eyes brighten up with an almost supernatural brilliance just before they were closed on all beneath the skies! How often have we seen the hand raised with the parting expression of triumph, and then laid motionless by the side! How often has the Presence of the Beloved sustained the frail tenement of the expiring Christian till he has defied death ‘to quench his immortality, or shake his trust in God!’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3077

“There are some of us who find it sweet to witness for Him—that He is the very Christ of God—and we do not take any honor to ourselves for so doing, for flesh and blood have not revealed it unto us.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3207

“Water will naturally rise as high as its own source, but without extraneous pressure, it will never rise any higher. And humanity may rise as high as humanity can rise, but it can never get any higher until the Spirit of God imparts a supernatural force to it. ‘Except a man be born-again (born from above), he cannot see the Kingdom of God.’ The very first act in the great work of the new creation is that the Spirit of God moves upon the soul as he moved upon the face of the waters.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3134

“Beloved, if you believe in your God, you know that He will bring you through your present trouble and all future trials as well. If you truly love Him, you know that all things are working together for your good. Therefore, let not your heart be troubled! No, it cannot be, for your faith will drive out your fear—your confidence in God will keep your heart from being troubled.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3076

“If ever a man is really dead, buried and risen with Christ, there is no fear of his ever undergoing such a backward process as being dead with Christ and then alive again to the world! There are some principles which are only powerful for a time, but the principle of Grace, which produces the fear of the Lord, exerts a permanent influence upon everyone in whom the Holy Spirit works it—and there is no possibility of the love of the world or the fear of man casting it out! May that gracious Spirit work this holy fear in each one of us!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3314

“To do good for the sake of the good done, and not because of the character of the person benefited, is a noble imitation of God. If the Lord only sent the fertilizing shower upon the land of the saintly, drought would deprive whole leagues of land of all hope of a harvest. We also must do good to the evil, or we shall have a narrow sphere—our hearts will grow contracted and our sonship towards the good God will be rendered doubtful.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3157

“And, today, when Christ says concerning the bread at the communion, ‘Take, eat, this is My body,’ the carnally-minded say that the bread is turned into flesh, not having the spiritual discernment to be able to comprehend even the simplest metaphors which the Lord Jesus Christ is pleased to use! Spiritual things must be spiritually discerned and, therefore, the carnal mind cannot discern them!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3121

“There ought to be an essential difference between the Christian and the best moralist, by reason of the higher standard which the Gospel inculcates and the Savior has exemplified. Certainly the highest point to which the best unconverted man can go might well be looked upon as a level below which the converted man will never venture to descend!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3281

“Oh, that all of you whom I am addressing knew at least *something* of the experiences of God’s people! You who only live the life of sense and have no faith in Jesus, little know what I mean, for though I have talked largely of the sorrows of God’s people, yet the joys of faith are unspeakable! One drop of God’s love would sweeten a sea of gall. Yes, I was almost about to say that even the pangs of Hell would lose their bitterness if a drop of the love of Christ could once flow there and be tasted by those who are lost!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3170

“What could be better than the Divine plan of Substitution? God must punish sin—He could not be God unless He did—it is a necessity of His nature that He should hate sin with an infinite hatred and He must punish it! Yet, as He had loved His people with an everlasting love, how could He better show His love to them and His hatred of sin than by giving up His well-beloved Son to die instead of them—making Him who knew no sin to be sin for them, that they might be made the righteousness of God in Him? This seems to me to be the most beautiful thing I ever heard of and it delights my soul to preach it!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3258

“The guilt of one soul might sink a world—the accumulated guilt of all the millions whom Christ redeemed will stand forever as a proof that God delights in mercy!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3317

“Redeemed and glorified spirits can join in the everlasting hallelujahs of the skies, but they can no longer climb up creaking staircases in the haunts of poverty and minister to the sick and dying who lie languishing there. They can still praise their Lord, but they cannot preach Him! They can talk to one another of His love, but they cannot make it known to lost and helpless sinners as you and I can. So let this, Beloved, be our ‘time to love.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3220

“If you also are one of His disciples, bear your witness for Him, even if it is but one who can hear it! If that one is all the congregation that God sends you, you have done your part. I am not accountable for the people that hear me, but only for the witness that I bear! And you shall not be accountable for the largeness or smallness of your sphere, but for the faithfulness of your testimony for Christ.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3207

“If you are a Christian, be a Christian! If you follow Christ, go outside the camp! But if there is no difference between you and your fellow man, what will you say to the King in the day when He comes and finds that you have on no wedding garment by which you can be distinguished from the rest of mankind?”—Volume 57, Sermon #3281

“Christ saves sinners, but He does not save them in their sins, but *from* their sins! And when Christ once gets His hand upon a man, He casts out the devils that once dwelt in him and makes him a new creature in Christ Jesus, being henceforth bound to do God’s will and to walk according to God’s Word!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3079

“Suspicion is the death of fellowship! The moment one Christian imagines that another thinks badly of him, though there may not be the slightest truth in that thought, yet straightway the root of bitterness is planted! Let us believe in one another’s sincerity, for we may rest assured that each of our Brothers and Sisters deserves to be trusted more than we do.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3107

“Any common sort of man will love those who love him. Even tax gatherers and the scum of the earth can rise to this poor, starveling virtue. Saints cannot be content with such a groveling style of things. ‘Love for love is manlike,’ but ‘love for hate’ is Christlike. Shall we not desire to act up to our high calling?”—Volume 55, Sermon #3157

“To my mind, the most glorious work that God ever performed was when God Incarnate died that sinners might live! You surely cannot object to that Doctrine of Substitution! If you do and if you persist in that objection, let me tell you that you will perish—for he who rejects the Savior who died upon the Cross brings eternal ruin to his soul.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3258

“The Gospel which God has revealed is so essentially THE Truth there is nothing false, as there is nothing trifling in it. It is Truth unalloyed. It is Truth which ought to be undoubted. It is a vile sin to imagine that there can be any fallacy in the utterances of an Infallible God! Let everything else we credit be a lie. Let all that man has asserted and proved be swept away—God’s Words are *the Truth*, substantially and really so!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3093

“Tell all with whom you come in contact that He is your Savior, a precious Savior, a true Promiser, a Promise-Keeper, a faithful Friend, a Helper in life and in death! And I say again, you know not what may be the value of your testimony, for if it is borne but to a child, that child may grow up to bear testimony to tens of thousands!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3207

“The cry of Rachel, ‘Give me children, or I die,’ is the cry of your minister this day—and the longing of thousands more besides! As that desire grows in intensity, a revival is surely approaching! We *must* have spiritual children born to Christ, or our hearts will break for the longing that we have for their salvation! Oh, for more of these longings, yearnings, cravings, travailing! If we plead till the harvest of revival comes, we shall partake in the joy of it!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3315

“There is no doubt about the hardness of your heart and the badness of your nature—you are probably much worse than you think are—but it is impossible that your depravity should exceed the potency of the Holy Spirit’s influence to renew your nature and change your whole life!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3262

“If the days of persecution were to come back, how many of us would be willing to go to the stake and be burned alive rather than give up our love to Christ? Yet think of all that He endured for us! He gave His back to the smiters and His cheeks to them that plucked out His hair, and He hid not His face from shame and spitting! My gracious Master, You have given Your flesh and Your blood to be the spiritual food of my soul—give me the Grace to consecrate my flesh and blood and all the powers of my body, soul, and spirit to You and to Your blessed service!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3220

“I am glad to be associated with all of you in your various works of faith and labors of love—but I have often learned more about Christ from the poor than from the rich. Besides, if Jesus Christ was willing to be reckoned among the poor, there is no man who needs to be ashamed of his poverty unless it is brought on by his own sin!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3258

“There are persons whose names will never be known to fame—some of the very poorest on the earth who, nevertheless, are speaking softly with their voices for Jesus and who are also speaking very powerfully by their lives for Jesus—as servants in the household, as toilers in the workshop, as poor humble bed-ridden sufferers who patiently endure great pain and privation because the Lord gives them the Grace to bear it for His sake!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3171

“I do not think our prayers would ever be heard in Heaven if it were not for Jesus Christ. He is the great Mediator by whom our prayers must be presented.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3081

“If I am never to preach the Gospel to a sinner till I see something in him that will help the Holy Spirit to save him, I shall never be able to preach the Gospel at all! And if Jesus Christ never saves a man till He sees something in that man that cries to Christ to save Him, then no man will ever be saved!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3134

“What? Should Sodom go unpunished? Shall the bestial vice of which Sodom was guilty never be checked? Why, if this should spread among the sons of men, it would bring in its infernal train ten thousand times more damage than the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3317

“Brothers and Sisters, Beloved in the Lord, you may depend upon it that nothing worse can happen to a Church than to be conformed unto this world! Write “Ichabod” upon her walls, then, for the sentence of destruction has gone out against her.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3281

“It is wealth enough to a Believer to possess his God, honor enough to please his God, happiness enough to enjoy his God. My heart’s best treasure lies here—‘This God is our God forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3330

“I could ask for some men whom I know no greater mercy than that they might be blessed with spiritual poverty—that they might be made to feel how poor they are—for they will never know Christ and they will never rise to be practically merciful till first they have seen their own true condition and have obtained mercy enough to lie down at the foot of the Cross—and there, with a broken heart, to confess that they are empty and poor!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3158

“The Scriptures have taught us that whoever dares to administer that ordinance [Believers’ Baptism] to any but those who believe with their heart and profess with their mouth, dares to touch with sacrilegious hands, God’s own institution, and is guilty of breaking down the hedges of the Church and throwing open to the world that which was never intended but for the Lord’s own family!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3100

“Repentance and faith are distasteful to the unregenerate—they would sooner repeat a thousand formal prayers than shed a solitary tear of true repentance! They would sooner work their way to Heaven even if they had to pass through Hell itself to get there, than come and simply receive salvation for nothing as the gift of God by Jesus Christ. Brothers and Sisters we must be born-again because the Truth of the Gospel cannot be understood and the commands of the Gospel cannot be obeyed except where the Spirit of God works regeneration in the heart!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3121

“A person does not become a member of Christ’s Church by Baptism, nor by birthright, nor by profession, nor by morality. Christ is the Door into the sheepfold! Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ is a member of the true Church. Being a member of Christ, he is a member, consequently, of the body of Christ which is the Church.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3281

“‘Whoever believes in the Lord Jesus Christ shall never perish, but have everlasting life.’ There is an alternative. It is, ‘He that believes not, shall be condemned.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3317

“I rejoice that we are a praying Church, but I am always jealous lest we should lose the spirit of prayer which the Lord has so graciously poured out upon us. Some of us recollect times when we have gripped the Angel of the Covenant and we would not let Him go until He blessed us. Many of you were given to us in answer to these effectual fervent prayers—and this makes me the more urgent in pleading with you to pray for others.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3258

“This is the world of the dying! You seem to be passing before me in a procession and I, too, am part of the procession, myself! Oh, make sure work for eternity! Run no risk concerning your souls—not even this night’s risk, for this night, at midnight, without a knock at your door there may come the messenger saying, ‘Prepare to meet your God.’ And then—*and then*, it *will* matter if you are Christ’s disciple, or not! It will *not* matter, then, whether you have been rich or not, educated or not—but it will matter for all eternity whether you are His or not, for remember the division—‘These shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.’ God grant that you then may be with the company of the disciples of Jesus for Jesus Christ’s sake! Amen.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3207

“You may sometimes write much in a very few words and here you have an epitome of the whole Gospel of God in these few syllables—‘Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world.’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3222

“Be cheered, you humble penitents, the Lord’s heart is too large to permit Him to send you away empty! Be encouraged, at this moment, to breathe the silent prayer, “O God, the Lord and Giver of Grace, give Your Grace to us who seek it now!” Why, dear Heart, you have Grace already, or you would not seek it, for Grace must first come to you to make you seek Grace! Be thankful, for salvation has come to your house! Dead men do not long for life. In the marble limbs of the corpse there is no struggling after life, no pangs of desire for health. God has looked on you in love—look you to Jesus and live!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3075

“It is your Master’s new command that you love one another—will you disregard it? He has given this as the badge of Christians—‘By this shall all men know that you are My disciples’—*not if you wear a gold cross*, but—‘if you have love one to another.’ That is the Christian’s badge of his being, in very truth, a disciple of Jesus Christ!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3107

“We are dependent upon God for everything! And sometimes He makes use of the ordinary laws of Nature to be a chastisement to those who forget Him. If we will not be reminded of Him by His mercies, we shall be reminded by His judgments! And if, as stewards, we do not make a proper use of that which He entrusts to us, He can easily take it all away.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3073

“I recollect when, at one time, I was a little afraid to preach the Gospel to sinners as sinners, and yet I wanted to do so, so I used to say, “If you have but a millionth part of a desire, come to Christ.” I dare say more than that now, but, at the same time, I will say that at once—if you have a millionth part of a desire, if you have only a little breathing—if you desire to be reconciled, if you desire to be pardoned, if you would be forgiven, if there is only half a good thought formed in your soul, do not check it, do not stifle it and do not think that God will reject it!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3083

“No Scripture is of private interpretation—you may take out the name of Abram [Gen 15:1] and put your own name into the promise if you are of Abram’s spiritual seed, and do not stagger at the promise by reason of unbelief. ‘If children, then heirs’ applies to all the spiritual family and to the pledging of all the promises to them!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3330

“When you really draw near to God and other saints draw near [in prayer] to Him, you also draw near to *them*. No, more, since Jesus Christ, Himself, prays when you pray, you have fellowship with Him! And as the Holy Spirit inspires your prayers if they were according to the mind of God, you also have fellowship with the Spirit and through Him with the Father! Thus prayer becomes a glorious bond which binds God and all His people together in one sacred bundle of life! And to be without prayer is to be outside that blessed bundle.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3282

“I plead with you, Christians—and I wish I had more power to do it effectually—for the sake of sinners, to stir yourselves up to pray for them and to labor for them that through the mighty working of the Spirit of God, they may no longer stumble at the Word, but may yield themselves to Christ and be saved!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3258

“The point I want to emphasize is this, that the reliance of the Church, under God, must not be upon the voices that ring out, far and wide, like a peal of bells, nor upon the tongues that give forth the sweet music that pleases the ear! We must rely upon the Gospel, itself—upon the Gospel

simply stated, upon the Gospel taught in the Sunday school, the Gospel explained at the family altar, the Gospel lived and loved by holy men and women! It is that which will do the work of God effectually and accomplish His glorious purposes of Grace.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3171

“Temptations frequently come in the form of very pleasing baits. Satan gilds the pill that he offers us. He very seldom presents to any of us a bare hook, though that may be done with those who become habituated in sin. It is almost a bare, unbaited hook when persons continue in drunkenness after they have ruined their health and brought themselves to beggar’s rags. Satan hardly has to tempt them at all, for they go willingly after their idols and dote upon them. But with God’s own people, Satan generally takes care to bait his hook and cover it so that it is scarcely seen.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3208

“It may not appear to some that the quarter of an hour in the morning spent in looking into the face of God with ecstatic joy can fill us with strength, but we know from blessed experience that there is no strength like it! If the Eternal overshadows us, then Omnipotence comes streaming into us!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3330

“No, where God has given a man a new heart and a right spirit, there is great tenderness to all the poor—and especially great love to the poor saints—for, while every saint is an image of Christ, the poor saint is a picture of Christ set in the same frame in which Christ’s picture must always be set—the frame of humble poverty.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3158

“Why should the Spirit of God ever have come into our hearts? What was there in us to induce the Spirit of God to begin a work of Grace in us? We admire the condescension of Jesus in leaving Heaven to dwell upon earth, but do we not equally admire the condescension of the Holy Spirit in coming to dwell in such poor hearts as ours? Jesus dwelt *with* sinners, but the Holy Spirit *dwells in us*.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3134

“I thank God for any revival that produces any genuine results but, just because I rejoice in revivals of the right kind, I tremble as I think of many of the supposed converts who are only converted to self-conceit and other delusions—and not to real faith in Jesus Christ. I charge you, by the living God, everyone of you, not to trust to mere excitement, or fancy as a ground of salvation. You must be made new creatures in Christ Jesus—your very nature must be changed—the whole bent, current and tenor of your life must be altered and that not by human arguments and persuasions, but by the Holy Spirit’s power, or else into God’s Kingdom you cannot come!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3121

“It is true that meekness of heart produces rest. And yet it is a still deeper Truth of God that rest produces meekness of heart!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3330

“Do not think that what the Lord worked in the early saints cannot be worked in you. It is because you think so that you do not pray for it—and because you do not pray for it, you do not attain it! The Grace of God sustained the Apostles—that Grace is not less today than it was then! The Lord’s arm is not shortened! His power is not straitened. If we can but believe and be as earnest as those first saints were, we shall yet subdue kingdoms and the day shall come when the gods of Hinduism and the lies of Mohammed, and the lies of Rome shall as certainly be overthrown as were the ancient philosophies and the classic idolatries of Greece and Rome by the teaching of the first ministers of Christ!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3107

“To be a true Christian is something higher and nobler than simply sitting in our pews twice on Sunday, or even teaching in a Sunday school or giving away tracts. It is the laying of one’s whole self upon the altar—offering your body, soul and spirit as a living sacrifice unto God, which is our reasonable service, so that, whether we live or whether we die, we shall be the Lord’s, and live or die for Him!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3258

“So, my Brother, your prayer may never edify your Brothers and Sisters. It may not be suitable to be presented in public, but if your soul is in it, if your heart goes out towards God through your poor feeble prayer, it will be so precious in His sight that He will not have it thrown away!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3282

“The poor will never cease out of the land and the poor will never cease out of the Church of Christ. They are Christ’s legacy to us! It is quite certain that the Good Samaritan got more out of the poor man whom he found between Jerusalem and Jericho than the poor man got out of him! He had a little oil and wine, and twopence, the expenses at the inn—but the Samaritan got his name in the Bible and there it has been handed down to posterity—a wonderfully cheap investment! And in everything that we give, the blessing comes to those who give it, for you know the Words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ Blessed are they who are merciful to the poor.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3158

“Riches procured by impoverishing the soul are always a curse! To increase your business so that you cannot attend week-night services is to become really poorer—to give up heavenly pleasure—and receive earthly cares in exchange, is a sorry sort of barter.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3208

“Saints in Heaven sparkle like the sun when they put on this glorious array. Not Christ, Himself, on Tabor’s mountain shone more lustreously than will poor sinners shine when they are covered with the righteousness of Jesus Christ!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3122

“If it were possible for the condescension of the Incarnation to be undone, it would be in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3134

“I wish the whole Church of Christ would realize that her greatest victories have usually been accomplished by those who did not seem, from a human standpoint, competent for the task and that she may still expect to see the grandest results coming to her by the use of ordinary means, by ordinary persons devoutly exercising, in the name of God, their ordinary functions in an ordinary way—the workers being, however, under the gracious influence of the Divine Spirit from whom all true power must come!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3171

“Now Paul did not merely write ‘it is a saying,’ but, ‘*it is a faithful saying*,’ a saying worthy of faith, a saying full of the Truth of God, a saying about which no doubts may be entertained, a sure and certain saying, ‘that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3089

“I am persuaded that often, when we think we have prayed as we ought, we have only been feeding our own vanity—and that at other times, when we have found that we could not pray, that we could hardly express a single desire, but could only sigh and groan before the Lord—then we have really prayed and God has heard our prayer!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3282

“Of course, an oppressor cannot or will not see the evil of oppression. If you put before him a case of injustice which is as plain as the nose on his face, he cannot see it because he has always been under the delusion that he was sent into the world with a whip in his hand to drive other people about, for he is the one great somebody and other people are poor nobodies, only fit to creep under his huge legs and humbly ask his leave to live.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3159

“I charge you people of God who are here present to try how near you can get to complete consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ! Never say, ‘I am as good as my minister.’ You had need be much better than I am! Never say, ‘I am as good as such-and-such a Christian.’ O Sirs, if you compare yourselves among yourselves, you are not wise! The only model for Christians is Christ Himself.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3078

“You must have faith or you will perish. “He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believes not shall be damned,” is the declaration of Jesus Christ the Savior, Himself!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3259

“You may judge of it [the Truth of God] by three things—by God, by Christ and by man. That is, the truth which honors God, the truth which glorifies Christ, and the truth which humbles man.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3093

“O Believers, be on the watch! Take heed unto yourselves lest you enter into unholy alliances, or put yourselves into positions out of which you may be unable to escape, but may have to mourn to your dying day that you ever entered into that evil confederacy! You must say, ‘Our Master bids us come out from the world, and be separate from sinners. He bids Christians walk with Him and be choice in their company, and not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for that would be dishonoring to God and ruinous to their souls!’”—Volume 56, Sermon #3208

“You will make a fatal mistake if you suppose that you are saved simply because you have been driven almost to despair. There can be no more insecure foundation for a hope of Heaven than to think that you are saved because you have realized that you were lost. It would be a very absurd idea for a man to conclude that he was in health because he had felt that he was ill, or for another to fancy that he was rich because he had felt that he was poor. There is a remorse which is near akin to repentance, but it is not the fruit of the Grace of God.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3171

“I daresay some of you remember Dr. Hamilton’s story of poor Betty who said, ‘The Lord said to me, Betty, look after your husband and your house, and I did it. And then He said, Betty, go and talk to your neighbors about Jesus, and I did that. And then He said, Betty, go and lie on the bed and cough, and I am doing it, blessed be His holy name!’ Ah, but it needs a great deal of Grace to lie and cough to God’s Glory! Yet it is being done—and the groans of sick, yet submissive saints are as musical to God’s ear as the hallelujahs of archangels!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3082

“If you are conscious of the Lord’s Presence, you will do the best thing possible by being very calm, deliberate and quiet in His service. ‘He that believes,’ in that sense, ‘shall not make haste, but he shall go about the business in a restful spirit.’”—Volume 58, Sermon #3330

“It is not the merit of our prayers that secures the gracious answers to them, but the power of Christ’s prevailing intercession!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3282

“Sinner, if you will be saved, you must give yourself up to Jesus Christ to be His servant and to do all that He bids you! You must rely alone, upon Him! Trust not in fiction, but in reality—not by mere profession, but with your whole heart—and you must continue to lean, rest and lie upon Him, trusting alone in Him! This is what saving faith is.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3259

“Dear Brother, you may be preaching to those who are dead in sin, but preach the Gospel to them all the same! It is your business to preach the Gospel to dead sinners, for it is the Gospel that makes the dead to live! If we had to look for some natural goodness in the sinner before we preached the Gospel to him, we would never preach to him at all! But we have to go to him where he is, with darkness over his soul and ruin and confusion all around—and while we preach the Word, the Spirit of God accompanies it with saving power and the man is made to live—and he is fashioned in the image of God!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3134

“When you hear some people talk about there being no God and no spiritual things, and so on, you need not be at all concerned at what they say, for they are not in a position to warrant them in speaking about the matter! For instance, an ungodly man says, ‘I do not believe there is a God, for I never saw Him.’ I do not doubt the truth of what you say, but when I tell you that I *have* seen Him, you have no more right to doubt my word than I have to doubt yours!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3159

“Now, there are a thousand things which may be right in worldlings which are wrong in Christians. There is a very high law for all men and I will not depreciate the true standard of common morality, but set it as high as it can be set! But over and above that there is a law of consecration—there is a rule, not merely of morality, but of something more—of holiness.”—Volume 56, Sermon #3208

“If you could pray a prayer that seemed to you a thousand times better than those you now present, I am not sure that it would not really be any better. If you said to yourself, ‘There, that prayer will do, it will find its way to God all by itself,’ I am certain that it would never reach the Throne of God! But if, when we have prayed, we feel that we must have Christ’s intercession to make our prayers acceptable, He will add the ‘much incense’ to our poor petitions and so they shall prevail with God!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3282

“It is very difficult for man to have much money running through his hands without some of it sticking. It is very sticky stuff—and when it once sticks to the hands, they are not clean in the sight of the Lord! Unless a man is able to use money without abusing it, accepting it as a talent lent to him and not as a treasure given to him—it will very soon happen that the more money he has, the more troubles he will have.—Volume 54, Sermon #3076

“Let your lowliness of heart, your sense of utter nothingness, instead of disqualifying you, be a sweet medium for leading you to receive more of Christ. The more empty I am, the more room is there for my Master. The more I lack, the more He will give me. The more I feel my sickness, the more shall I adore and bless Him when He makes me whole.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3124

“If we would get faith, we must take care how we hear, as well as what we hear. The hearing is, itself, almost as important as the preaching. Faith does not come by every sort of hearing. There have been persons who have heard the Gospel for many years, but they have really heard nothing, for it has gone in one ear and out at the other. Faith does not come by such hearing!”—Volume 57, Sermon #3259

“Many of us could testify, if this were the time to do so, that there is such a thing as fellowship with God even here on earth, but men can enjoy it only in proportion as they give up their love of sin. They cannot talk with God after they have been talking filthiness. They cannot speak with God as a man speaks with his friend if they are accustomed to meet companions in the alehouse and delight to mingle with the ungodly who gather there. The pure in heart may see God and do see Him—not with the natural eyes, and far from us be such a carnal idea as that—but with their inner spiritual eyes they see the great God who is Spirit!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3159

“There is a secret of prevailing in prayer which you may know to your heart’s comfort if you will learn the lesson of our text, (Rev 8:3, 4) and then, as your prayer is presented by Christ to His Father, the answer will come down in blessings which many others will be glad to share with you.”—Volume 57, Sermon #3282

“I think the moments we are nearest to Heaven are those we spend at the Lord’s Table. I have sometimes looked at your faces, my Brothers and Sisters, at the Lord’s Table, and if anyone wanted to see men’s faces when they looked as if angels themselves were smiling in their eyes, such have your faces been when I have broken the bread and the wine has been passed to you!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3100

“Some sinners seem to think that they are to get comfort and light for themselves—but it is not so—Christ must bring it all to you. You are not to bring anything to Jesus, but to come to His fullness to receive everything!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3172

“I believe that every particle of dust that dances in the sunbeam does not move an atom more or less than God wishes—that every particle of spray that dashes against the steamboat has its orbit as well as the sun in the heavens—that the chaff from the hand of the winnow is steered as surely as the stars in their courses—that the chirping of an aphid over a rosebud is as much fixed as the march of the devastating pestilence, and the fall of sere leaves from the poplar is as fully ordained as the tumbling of an avalanche. He who believes in God must believe this Truth of His. There is no standing point between this and atheism. There is no half way between an almighty God who works all things according to the good pleasure of His own will and no god at all. A god who cannot do as He pleases—a god whose will is frustrated is not a God and cannot be a God! I could not believe in such a god as that.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3114

“The work of Creation did not end with the first day, but went on till it was finished on the sixth day. God did not say, ‘I have made the light and now I will leave the earth as it is.’ And when He had begun to divide the waters and to separate the land from the sea, He did not say, ‘Now I will have no more to do with the work.’ He did not take the newly-fashioned earth in His hands and fling it back into chaos, but He went on with His work until, on the seventh day, when it was completed, He rested from all His work and, glory be to God, He will not leave unfinished the work which He has commenced in our souls!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3134

“One of the loveliest sights in the world is an aged Believer waiting for the summons to depart... they ought to be in Heaven, but in mercy to us they tarry here to let us see what the glorified are like!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3283

“I know many whose consciences are truly awakened and who see themselves as sinners in the sight of God, but instead of beholding the Lamb of God, they are continually beholding themselves! I do not think that they have any confidence in their own righteousness, but they are afraid that they do not feel their guilt as much as they ought. They think that they are not yet sufficiently awakened, sufficiently humbled, sufficiently penitent and so on, and thus they fix their eyes upon themselves in the hope of getting peace with God!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3222

“That Truth of God which of old was mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, is still mighty, and we will maintain it to the death! The Church needs the Doctrines of Grace today as much as when Paul, or Augustine, or Calvin preached them! The Church needs justification by faith, the substitutionary Atonement, regeneration and Divine Sovereignty to be preached from her pulpits as much as in days of yore! And by God’s Grace she shall have them, too!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3107

“When the Holy Spirit has become to you the Spirit of Adoption, you will go forth to Christian ordinances without fear!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3172

“I was sprinkled when I was a child, but I know that I was not thereby made a member of Christ, a child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven! I know that nothing of the kind took place in me, but that, as soon as I could, I went into sin and continued in it. I was not born-again, I am sure, till I was about 15 years of age, when the Lord brought salvation so my soul through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit and so I was enabled so trust in Jesus as my Savior.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3121

“Some tell us that in baptism, by which they mean baby sprinkling as a rule, they regenerate and make members of Christ, children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven! But those who are sprinkled are no better than other people. They grow up in just the same way as others. The whole ceremony is useless and worse than that, for it is clean contrary to the example and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ! No aqueous applications, no outward ceremonies can ever affect the heart!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3159

“For a man to trust himself in the beginning of his Christian career is very unwise, for Scripture warns him against it! But for him to trust himself after he has been 20 or 30 years a Christian is surely insanity, itself—a sin against common sense!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3283

“Always be afraid of not being afraid—and be always in fear when you feel that you are perfectly safe. When you realize your danger and fly to the Lord to guard you, then you are safe. But when you begin to think, ‘All is right with me, nothing will make me fall now,’ you are not very far off a bad fall in which you may suffer serious hurt. May God keep you, my dear Brothers and Sisters. May He preserve each one of us till we see His face in Glory at the last!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3074

“O my Hearer, do not be lost through a mock humility which is really abominable pride! You are not too great a sinner to be saved. I will venture to say that you will dishonor Christ if you ever think such a thing! So let not that sinful thought destroy you!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3222

“No race of men has ever been discovered that has been sunk too low for the Spirit of God to work upon them and to save them! Let us never despair of any, or think that they are beyond the Spirit’s power.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3134

“I would rather lie sick upon a bed of pain from now till my Master’s appearance than be employed in the preaching of God’s Word if I cannot have my Master’s Presence with me!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3122

“Jesus Christ says, ‘Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.’ Do you Believe this? Will you put your trust in Him? Will you drop into His arms and let Him carry you? Will you fall flat upon the Rock of Ages and let that sustain you? If you do it now, this moment, you shall become in this happy moment a changed man! You shall be no longer an heir of wrath, but a child of Grace! And your salvation shall become as inevitably secure as if you were even now among the glorified!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3081

“Whenever a Christian has to say, ‘My leanness, my leanness, woe is unto me,’ it cannot be because suitable food has not been supplied—it must be because he has not fed upon it—for if we have fed upon Christ Jesus, how can we help growing in faith, knowledge, holiness and every spiritual gift?”—Volume 55, Sermon #3172

“Oh, what a glorious Truth of God is this, that although a poor tried child of God may feel the force of his inbred sin and have to continually struggle with it—and though he may, from day to day, be conscious of his many imperfections, yet before those Eyes that see everything, there is no spot to be seen upon the Believer in Christ—I mean no spot in this respect—that he can never be condemned or punished for his sin. His sin is finally and forever pardoned!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3223

“Does not our Savior tell us that the well of water in us is to become rivers of water streaming out from us? As we receive, we should give! The more we learn, the more we should teach—and if God teaches us, it is because He expects us to instruct others.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3283

“The fact is, baptismal regeneration [See Sermon #573, Volume 10—BAPTISMAL REGENERATION—the Sermon which has had the largest circulation of any in the whole of Mr. Spurgeon’s discourses!—Read/download the entire sermon, free of charge, at <http://www.spurgeongems.org>.] is a lie, a wicked invention of Popery, without the slightest warrant in the Word of God! Not one has ever been born-again in baptism, nor ever can be! Regeneration, in the Scriptures, is always put side by side with faith, as anybody can see who will read the Scripture without prejudice, seeking to know the Truth of God that is there revealed. There is nothing in so called sacraments upon which a soul can rest for salvation. If you have been baptized and even if you have been immersed, which is the only true Baptism, unless the Spirit of God has regenerated you, ‘You must be born-again, born from above.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3121

“Have you in your heart the intention to serve God when you have amassed so much wealth? What? Shall God be second? Shall mammon take the first place and Jehovah be put in the background? No! Let your gold come in second or not at all. Let your God come in now!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3160

“Holy occupation is one of the most important things for our spiritual health. . . Very largely will you find that in proportion as you serve Christ, Christ will serve you—therefore seek you to feed His lambs—and He will feed you.”—Volume 58, Sermon #3283

“I do not believe in the faith that is unaccompanied by repentance. Some have spoken in disparagement of repentance by saying ‘that the original word means nothing more than a change of mind.’ And you might imagine that it was a very unimportant change of mind. But their knowledge of Greek is not very deep and their experimental knowledge of true religion would seem to be still more shallow.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3094

“Breathe the prayer, ‘Lord, give me the faith of Your elect and save me with a great salvation!’ Though it is only breathing, yet, as the old Puritan says, when God feels the breath of His child upon His face, He smiles. And He will feel your breath and smile on you, and bless you. May He do so, for His name’s sake! Amen.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3083

“Several of the first followers of Christ were plain, blunt fishermen, honest after their fashion, yet they had to be born-again—it does not matter how good a man may be, or how earnest he may be in seeking to find the Truth of God—he cannot escape from the necessity which applies to the entire human race! ‘You must be born again.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3121

“He who has faith is better than the stoic. The stoical philosopher bore trial because he believed it must be. The Christian bears it because he believes it is working for his good.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3114

“When people sometimes say when they know their duty, ‘We will make it a matter of prayer,’ they generally mean that they will try to find some excuse for not doing it. You need not pray about any matter when you know what you ought to do—go and do it!”—Volume 58, Sermon #3283

“I am hopeful, therefore, for our young members, that God will take care of them and that they will surprise us by the advance which they will make. I only hope that they will surpass all who have ever gone before them. Ah, dear young Friends, never take us as an example in stopping short of the Christian ideal! Follow us as far as we follow Christ! But go beyond the very best of us where you see that we come short of what we ought to be. I hope you will be more earnest, more prayerful, more conscientious, more diligent than any of us have been!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3172

“The salvation of sinners is the will of God, the work of Christ and the joy of Christ! Is not this good news?”—Volume 55, Sermon #3135

“Oh, pity those poor souls who live in darkness and do not know our sweet Lord Jesus! ‘You are the light of the world.’ Defer not the light-giving lest the night come to them wherein you cannot help them!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3160

“Oh, let me rest! Come, night, and let me slumber! Come, my last hour! Let me bow myself upon the bed! Come, Death, oh, come lightly to my couch! Yes, strike if you will, but your stroke is the loving touch that makes my body slumber! Happy, happy, they who die in the Lord!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3077

“Does God accept your heartless sacrifices, your meaningless words and empty phrases? No! He is not to be mocked by mere outward religious forms and ceremonies.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3109

“Rowland Hill used to say that the only thing that he should be sorry to leave when he went to Heaven was that sweet, lovely, sorrowful Grace of repentance—he supposed he could not repent in Heaven, but it was such a sweet experience to keep on repenting that he would wish to repent forever if such a thing might be.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3094

“I fear that some Brothers and Sisters think that a quick temper can never be overcome. But it *must* be overcome! The reason why so many professors so often fall into that sin is that they do not believe that it is conquerable and, therefore, they do not pray it down!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3223

“I am afraid there are some sinners that never come to Christ because they do not get an invitation. I know that is not the case with any sinner who is in the habit of coming to *this* house. I believe Christian ministers would do well, or, at any rate not ill, if they never preached anything but invitation!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3160

“‘Ah,’ somebody says, ‘I fear that this kind of preaching will be very discouraging to a great many people.’ Well, how will it discourage them? ‘It will discourage them from trying to save themselves.’ That is the very thing that I want to do! I would like not only to discourage them from attempting that impossible task, but to cast them into despair concerning it! When a man utterly despairs of being able to save himself, it is *then* that he cries to God to save him—so I believe that we cannot do a man a better turn than to discourage him from ever resting upon anything that he can do towards saving himself.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3121

“Are we to praise the Lord now for keeping us to the end? Will it not do if we praise Him when the end comes and we have been kept to the end? Will it not do if we praise Him when we are presented faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy? But can you not believe God’s promise that He will keep you to the end—and bless His name for it even NOW?”—Volume 54, Sermon #3074

“Sowing to the Spirit lifts our sowing altogether above the idea of human merit. He who sows to the Spirit is led and guided by the Spirit of God—led to repent of sin, led to believe in Jesus, led to a new life, led to holiness, led to sanctification and, therefore, he does not take any credit to himself for anything in him that is good, for he knows that it was all implanted there by the Holy Spirit!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3109

“Everything of salvation that a Believer receives, comes to him out of the one storehouse wherein all fullness abides—that is in Christ Jesus!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3223

“The crest and the motto of the American Baptist Missionary Union should be ours. The crest is an ox standing between a plow and an altar, and the motto is, ‘Ready for either.’ May we be ready to be offered up in death or to serve God in life!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3172

“A Christian should be like a steamer that goes straight away to the port it is intended to reach. But many professors are like sailing vessels, the motive power that controls them is outside of them, so they have to tack a good deal—and though they may ultimately get to their destination—there is a good deal of strange sailing to the right and to the left, and their voyage takes a very long while.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3080

“You are a nation of priests! Instead of having some one man selected who becomes a priest and so maintains the old priestcraft in the Christian Church, Jesus our Lord and Head has abolished that monopoly forever! He remains the one great Apostle and High Priest of our profession and we in Him are made, through His Grace, kings and priests unto God. You are, each of you, as Believers, sent into this world with a distinct commission—and that commission is very like the commission given to your Master! In your measure, the Spirit of the Lord is upon you and He has sent you to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3135

“The faith by which you received Christ was as much the gift of God to you as was the Christ upon whom your faith was fixed. You know that it is so and, therefore, you also know that boasting is forever excluded from the fact that you are saved.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3173

“I would not live here always. I have a strong appetite for Heaven and I think many of God’s saints, as they grow in age, find it so. They care less and less for this world because they recognize that there is nothing here worth caring for!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3122

“Very often God will not hear us because we will not hear Him. If He speaks and we are deaf to His voice, we must not wonder if we find Him deaf when we speak to Him! Our success in prayer will often depend upon our obedience to the precept—you cannot have the promise torn away from the precept. That would be like cutting a living child in two.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3082

“You can never kill any sin if you turn your eyes away from the Cross. There is no stream that can cleanse from inward lusts but the precious blood of Jesus that flowed on Calvary. Whoever has been victorious over any temptation, it may truly be said of him, ‘he overcame through the blood of the Lamb.’ So that there is no way of receiving the blessings of a present salvation except through believing in Jesus!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3223

“God’s electing love has, in many cases, selected great fools *and* great sinners. At least I know that God’s people think themselves such. I have said, never despair of your child, and I will put it to you again—if you have friends who are infidel, or persecuting, or profane, yet, as long as you live and they live, it is your business to labor for their conversion and to weep and pray for them!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3075

“Where there is a Church in the house, every member strives to increase the other’s comfort, all seek to promote each other’s holiness, each one endeavors to discharge his duty according to the position in which he is placed in that Church. And when they meet together, their prayers are earnest and fervent, and all their actions are not the actions of a worldly family, but of those who have tasted that the Lord is gracious!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“If you are saved, you are saved entirely through Jesus—and you do not need, and you do not desire any other Savior! You look to Jesus for all that can be comprehended in the word, *salvation*. His name means Savior and you have found Him to be a Savior to you. So you have received the anointed Savior, Christ Jesus.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3173

“Look at the man who has sought to be justified by the works of the Law, or in some way perverted the Gospel of Christ... He sleeps the deep sleep of death, prepared, as he supposes, to meet the Judge. When he awakes, the spell shall be dissolved. The terrible sentence, ‘Depart,’ awaits him! O Beloved, I tremble to think that a man may go up with jaunty step to the threshold of Heaven only to be cast down to the nethermost pit! As you stand among the graves of your departed friends, I beseech you to examine yourselves! Only as you can say, ‘To me to live is Christ,’ have you a right to add, ‘and to die is gain.’”—Volume 54, Sermon #3077

“A man who never gives anything is the worst person in the world to beg from, but he who has given in the past will probably continue to give. There is no heart so generous as the heart that has already given—it will still give. God has blessed millions of others—hosts beyond all counting! Then why should He not bless you? Lord, You gave to others, give to me also!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3122

“I also think that Peter calls our joy, ‘unspeakable,’ [1 Peter 1:8] because if we were to try to explain or describe it to carnal men, they could not understand us. You cannot explain to a person who has never tasted honey, how sweet it is. Neither can you explain to a man who knows not the joy of the Lord, how joyous a thing it is. He could not comprehend what your words meant—you would be talking to him in an altogether unknown tongue!”—Volume 56, Sermon #3223

“You must not marvel if God should be pleased to bless you to the conversion of souls, that He should also make you sometimes smart. Remember that Paul, with all his Grace, could not be without ‘a thorn in the flesh.’ There must also be ‘a messenger of Satan to buffet you,’ lest you should be exalted above measure! So may you learn to submit cheerfully to a discipline which, though painful to you, your Heavenly Father knows to be wise!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3110

“Did you ever know a man whom God blessed who had not some oddity or singularity? I think I never knew such a man or woman either! Whenever God blesses us, there is sure to be something or other to remind men that the vessel containing the treasure is an earthen vessel!... Were they wise, they would understand that this is a part of the Divine appointment, that we should ‘have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.’”—Volume 55, Sermon #3135

“The old attractions of the Cross have not departed. You cannot preach Christ and not get a congregation! Be it ‘the Christ’ whom you preach honestly and preach fully, the people must come to hear! Though they hate and loathe the Truth of God, they will come again to hear it. They will turn on their heel and say, ‘We cannot bear it,’ but the next time the doors are opened they will be there! The Gospel gets them by the ear and holds them!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3085

“Whoever you may be, my dear Friend, though you may be nothing but a poor “somebody,” yet if you have touched Christ, tell others about it in order that they may come and touch Him, too! And the Lord bless you, for Christ’s sake! Amen.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3124

“Truly, the very essence of faith lies there—the consciousness of being lost in ourselves and found in Christ, and the leaving of one’s soul in Jesus’ hands!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3095

“We cannot make any terms of peace with those who deny the Deity of Christ, nor ought they to want to be at peace with us, for if Christ is not the Son of God, we are idolaters. And if He is, they are not Christians. There is a great gulf between us and them and we do not hesitate for a

moment to say on which side of that gulf we stand. That same Jesus who was nailed to the tree is to us both Lord and Christ.”—Volume 55, Sermon #3173

“If God bids you do any work for Him, go and do it in His strength without consulting with flesh and blood. Many a noble purpose has been strangled by a committee! Many a glorious project that might have been the means of carrying the Gospel to the utmost ends of the earth has been crushed by timid counselors who said that it was not practicable! Whereas, had it been attempted, God would have worked with the worker and great would have been the result. So you go, O man of God, to the work He has called you to do—and consult not with flesh and blood!”—Volume 54, Sermon #3078

“We have seen scores of systems of philosophy come and go, and we shall probably see as many more before we die. Our business is to stand fast to the Truth of Revelation and let philosophies die as the frogs of Egypt died in the days of Moses—for die they will, and when fresh hordes come, they also will die, but the eternal Truth of the ever-blessed God will never die—it will live on in its own glorious immortality.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3080

“Let us discuss the millennium, the secret rapture and all those other intricate questions by-and-by, when we have got through more pressing needs! Just now the vessel is going to pieces, who will man the lifeboat? The house is on a blaze—who is he that will run the fire-escape up to the window? Here are men perishing for lack of knowledge and who will tell them that there is life in a look at the Crucified One? He is the man who shall give men meat to eat! But all others, though they may carry a dish of most exquisite china, will probably give them no meat, but only make them angry at being tantalized with empty wind. Christ’s satisfaction of heart was of a most practical kind—He was subservient to God as a commissioned Servant, and busy with actually *doing* the will of God!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3135

“Lie low, Brothers and Sisters, lie low, for what the old Essex farmer used to tell me is true, ‘If you are one inch above the ground, you are just that inch too high.’ So lie low and thus continue to walk in Christ—yourself being nothing—and Christ being everything. You know that if you get to be something, Christ cannot then be everything to you. But if you are still nothing—and less than nothing in your own estimation—as you sink in self-esteem, your Lord will rise to His right position in your sight and so you will be walking humbly in Him as you ought!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3173

“Whenever I see a professed Christian walking among his household as though he were a tyrant, letting no one come near him, without affection or kindness and simply a domineering master, I ask—Where is the Grace of God in that man? And I ask the same question with respect to other faults.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3103

“Hunger will make a man break through stone walls and iron bars, but a soul that is hungering and thirsting after Christ does not know that there are any walls or bars, so overpowering is its eagerness to get to Him! It was with such eagerness as this that we received Christ Jesus the Lord. Are we just as eager to walk in Him?”—Volume 55, Sermon #3173

“I would give nothing for a supposed deliverance from Hell if it does not come by way of deliverance from sin! It is sin that makes Hell, for there would be no Hell if man had no evil within him, as there certainly can be no Heaven for a man till he is made good and fit to dwell with God, for the fire of Hell is a guilty conscience before God—and the bliss of Heaven is holiness and reconciliation to the Most High.”—Volume 54, Sermon #3095

“Oh, the joy of winning a soul! Get a grip from the hand of one whom you were the means of bringing to Christ—why, after that, all the devils in Hell may attack you, but you will not care—and all the men in the world may rage against you and say you do not serve God from proper motives, or do not serve Him in a discreet way—but since God has set His seal upon your work, you can afford to laugh at them! Do but win souls, Beloved, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and you shall find it to be a perennial spring of joy in your own souls!”—Volume 55, Sermon #3135

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