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Morning Sermon

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. (Matthew 12:35)

Had not Jesus been God, He could not have known the thoughts of the Pharisees. He being God knew their thoughts; He knew their hearts; He knew what was in them. He needed not that any should testify of man; He knew what was in man. He had healed one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw, and all the people were amazed. God was manifest in all the miracles of Jesus Christ. *This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils*, said the Pharisees. (v.24) And Jesus knew their thoughts. He must have been God, the eternal God, to know the thoughts of these Pharisees. And so He said: *Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.* (v.25-28) In other words: Either I cast out devils by Beelzebub and am possessed of a devil, or I cast out devils by the Spirit of God. If I cast out devils by Beelzebub, then the kingdom of Satan is divided against himself. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. *Either make the tree good, and his fruit is good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man, out of the treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.* (v.33-35)

We have, then, good men mentioned, and evil men mentioned. When one spoke to the Lord Jesus Christ, and said: *Good master*, He said: *Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. (Matthew 19:17)* There never has been any born into this world good, save One, and He had no earthly father – the Lord Jesus Christ. When Adam begat a son, he begat him in his own image. I feel friends, increasingly feel, a desire in my heart, God knows I do, a desire to lay the sinner low. We are living in a day when men say there is something good in man, something good towards his Creator. It is just the opposite. God declares that there is none good, not one, that the thoughts of man's heart are evil. Some may say, "Well, I know it is evil sometimes." But God says it is continually so, that is, every day. There never is a day but what this is how it is with man – his heart is evil continually.

In *Genesis 6 verse 5* it says: *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.* Or as is given in the margin of the Bible: *every day.* God made man and placed him in the Garden of Eden. But he sinned against his Maker's law. He brought death into the world, with all its awful consequences. We were in the loins of Adam when he sinned. From our very birth we go astray, speaking lies. Men do not like to hear these things, yet it is the teaching of God's blessed Word. He looked down from heaven to see if there were any that sought Him. He says: No, not one. They are all become filthy, stinking, one mass of corruption. You never get any good from one of them. There is no good thing in man towards God. We read of young Abijah, that he was to come to the grave in peace, because there was some good thing in him. But not so in his father and mother. And the sinner in the state of nature has no good thing in him toward the Lord God of Israel. That which is born of flesh is flesh, and cannot rise above the flesh, so that the sinner is afar off by wicked works. There is none good in a state of nature.

But there are good men. Christ speaks of them in the words of our text. Where will you find good men? A good man is a man of grace, a godly man, a man that is regenerate. A good man is a man that

is created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10) When God begins a work in the heart of a sinner, he will fall under what I have said. You preach before wicked men what I have brought before you, and they will rise up against it. There are persons dead in trespasses and sins, who go about to establish a righteousness of their own. *Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.* (Matthew 5:20) Men, I say, reject the truth of God. They contend that there is some good thing in man toward the Lord God.

I had a sermon put in my hands the other day, and if the man had not left the train as he did, I should have torn it up in his face. It contained damnable doctrines, contrary to the teaching of the blessed Book. If God is at work in your heart, you will fall under what I have said. If you are a poor sinner, seeking the face of God, you will fall under what I have said. You will say: "It is true; it is true; it is true! I am a sinner; I am polluted."

*The more I strove against (sin's) power,
I sinned and stumbled but the more. (John Cennick)*

And you cannot see how such a sinner as you feel yourself to be can ever get to heaven. One mass of sin – you need not that any man should tell you that, from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet, you are a mass of wounds and putrefying sores. You are the vilest sinner that lives out of hell.

And so I say that you fall under the word of God, and you tremble at His holiness, and you stand before Him a filthy man. You say: "I cannot do anything pleasing unto the Lord. What will become of me?" You fear hell will be your portion. I do love to meet a man that justifies God in His condemnation. This is where God brings everyone He means to take to heaven. They will know the measure of iniquity, and fall under the teaching of God's blessed Word. *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.* You may say, "I know it!" And if ever Christ takes possession of your heart, you will know how you were deceived in the matter. You will find condemnation there that you never thought was condemnation. God's law reaches the heart, and you tremble before Him. I look back forty years, and I little thought there was such wickedness in my heart. I have been in the company of some this last week, who have been in the way longer than I have, and they have confessed that they little thought their heart was as bad as it is.

We have to fall before the Lord and confess that in our heart dwelleth no good thing. Why, the Lord searches the heart. Now let God search your heart – some of you know something of it. The Psalmist says: *Thou hast searched me.* He is a heart-searching, rein-trying God. Sinner, do you know it? Do you fall before Him from time to time? Blessed man, if you do. God looks down from heaven to behold you. And this will be your prayer – no hypocrite ever prayed it: *Search me, O God.* No hypocrite wants to be searched. Sinners dead in trespasses and sins, they don't want God to search them. But God makes His people to differ from all other people. There is no people on the face of the earth like unto the people of God. He puts a difference between His people and the people of the world. He maketh them to differ. O what a mercy to be brought before the Lord to ask Him to search you! Why, these characters, they have the Word of God fulfilled in them.

Now you know the Lord has promised He will give them one heart, a new spirit, within them. He will take the stony heart out of the flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, a feeling heart, a good heart, a new heart. And you know, when God gives a man a new heart, that is the good man mentioned in the words of our text. God has declared that He will give them a heart to know Him. O what an unspeakable mercy of mercies to have this covenant fulfilled in our souls' experience, and to walk in God's statutes, to walk in God's ordinances. O what an unspeakable mercy to have a new heart, to have the life of God, the spirit of God, to be new creatures in Christ Jesus. Old things pass away, and all things become new.

*Good men there are; but be it known,
Their goodness dwells in Christ their Head!
United to God's only Son,
Their holiness can never fade.*

*In Him they stand complete and just;
His righteousness He gives to them;
Of this they sing, of this they boast,
Nor law nor Satan can condemn. (William Gadsby)*

O what an unspeakable mercy to be such an one, to have some good thing in us toward the Lord God of Israel; a man taught of God, who possesses the grace of God, the Spirit of Christ. *Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (Romans 8:9)* A good man that has a new heart, a pure heart, a holy principle within. Why, sometimes you have such bubbleings up of evil, that you wonder if there is any good in you. At other times there is a springing up of grace, and hope, and love, and you begin to think, after all, God has done something for you. One says, "I am a devil and a saint." And so it is; the flesh never brings forth anything good, and the man of grace never brings forth anything bad. In the man of God there is that which loves sin, and that which hates sin. There is that which cannot sin, and that which does sin. There is the new man of grace, and the old man of sin. And that is the good man, who knows something of the warfare within. If there is a company of two armies within you, you are a good man.

These words have been on my mind – I have looked at them, I have pondered them over, whilst I have inwardly groaned by reason of the working of my earthly nature: *Be ye holy, for I am holy.* God is holy, and He says: *Be ye holy, for I am holy. (1 Peter 1:6)* O my friends, there is this thirst for holiness. I would live without sin, and yet sin lives in me. Ah my friends, there is the difference between a man living in sin, and sin living in him. You find sin lives in you, and you hate it. You would not sin, but you do sin. As I said to the friends at Luton last Lord's Day:

*Our justest cause to grieve
Is that thou wilt to us cleave. (Joseph Hart)*

When I would do good, evil is present with me. (Romans 7:21) It is not the new man that does it; it is sin that dwells in him. And when I sin, it is sin that dwells in me. I would not sin; I hate it; I would be holy, though I am unholy.

*That we're unholy needs no proof;
We sorely feel the fall;
But Christ has holiness enough
To sanctify us all. (Joseph Hart)*

I believe this: that every man that has a pure heart will get to heaven. But there is the exercise: Have I a pure heart? What do I know of Christ, of the blood and righteousness of Christ, and the salvation of Christ? What do I know of God? Now you know a good man wants God. Do not say you are a good man if you do not want God. A good man wants God, and the good man, when grace is in exercise, wants to be near to God. O I have longed for a closer walk with God. O to get near to God! How it lays you in the very dust, and you say:

*Why me, why me, O blessed God,
Why such a wretch as me?
Who must for ever lie in hell,
Were not salvation free. (Daniel Herbert)*

But you would not sin. O friends, you would rather die than sin, sin against a good, compassionate, and kind God – a God that –

*– lives, your mansion to prepare,
He lives, to bring you safely there. (Samuel Medley)*

You would spurn the thought of being with that member who says: Let us sin that grace may abound. Like Enoch, you would walk with God, and have fellowship with Him. Have you ever had Christ in your arms one moment, and blessed Him for what He has done for you? I know what I am speaking about. I repeat the question: Have you ever blessed Him for what He has done for you? If so, this in substance has been the language of your soul:

*Dear dying Lamb! Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more. (William Cowper)*

O what an unspeakable mercy to be in the person of the Son of God, and to realise that we are one with Him, in eternal union one. We shall soon come to death, and it will be a good thing then to realise that we are good men and women. It will be heaven itself, heaven begun below. O to realise, when we come to die, we have got that which will do to die by! I have been there. But at times I have been on the very borders of despair. I have been there, and at other times I have longed to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better.

We shall have to leave the subject for this morning. May the Lord add His blessing.

Afternoon Sermon

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. (Matthew 12:35)

We noticed this morning that there is none good, no, not one – that is, none in a state of nature. All Adam's sons and daughters, as they are born into the world, are born in sin, that from their very birth they go astray, speaking lies. There is no good thing in them towards the Lord God of Israel. They do not want God; they do not want Jesus Christ; they do not want the Holy Ghost. They do not want those things which souls regenerated long after, and cannot do without. They are satisfied with the things of this life; they seek the pleasures of sin, which are but for a season. They say: "As for the Almighty, who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him?" What ever persons may say to the contrary, unregenerate souls do not want God. Men may be morally good, as far as morality is concerned, and do good things as far as creature goodness is concerned – feed the poor, and even go so far as to give themselves to be burned, and yet, if they have not the grace of God in them, charity availeth nothing. He is wholly ruined in the Adam fall transgression.

O what an unspeakable mercy it is that God does deposit good things in the hearts of vessels of mercy! He forms them anew. *By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8,9)* A good man is a man of grace, a man that by grace is a partaker of grace. The apostle Paul could say: *By grace I am what I am.* God placed grace in his heart. The Lord God is a sun and shield. He will give grace. *By grace are ye saved.* What an unspeakable mercy to have a grain of grace! *Grace taught my heart to fear.* A debtor to grace. A good man is a partaker of grace.

Now do you know anything of the grace of the Spirit? The works of the flesh are manifest: adultery, strife, sedition, murders etc. And, as I have told you in time past, they that do such things shall not

inherit the kingdom of God. *Filled with the fruits of righteousness (Philippians 1:11)*, sown in peace, to them that make peace. The Lord fills His people at times with the fruits of righteousness. So then, the good man knows something of the fruits of righteousness. Are you fruitful? Am I fruitful? Do you groan because you do not bring forth fruit? Read the 17th chapter of John. That is a solemn chapter. What an unspeakable mercy to bring forth fruit! *Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. (John 15:8)* Now, if you are a godly man, you will bring forth much fruit. Be fruitful in every good word and work. I tell you, you are not a good man unless God works in you. Do you desire to bring forth those things which are pleasing in His sight? *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)*

And so a good man will let the light shine. He will have it manifest in his walk and ways. I sometimes say the feet talk loudly – look well to your walk. O to walk well! I do desire, by the grace of God, to walk uprightly in the fear of God, to walk before the Lord, to be kept from evil. *O that thou wouldest keep me from evil*, said Jabez. *(1 Chronicles 4:10)* They are well kept whom God keeps. A godly man fears God. And a godly man knows something of filial fear, and he has this fear in exercise in the soul from time to time; he would walk in all well-pleasing in the sight of the Lord God. Are we exercised concerning this matter? *Enoch... had this testimony, that he pleased God. (Hebrews 11:5)* Do you want this testimony? Man of God, you want this testimony, I know, that you please God. Walk in all well-pleasing. You do not wish to grieve God. You know what is written: *Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God. (Ephesians 4:30)* It is true what is written by the poet:

*That, if we take not heed,
We may unkindly quench the flame. (Joseph Hart)*

It is possible to grieve the Spirit of God, hence there is that word of exhortation: *Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption*. He works mightily in you, and therefore we have such an exhortation as this: *Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (Philippians 2:12)* O my friends, it is a solemn matter, and the minds of God's people are solemnly exercised from time to time, and they find it to be a solemn matter. Lord, *let thy work appear unto thy servants...establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. (Psalm 90:17)* They want the Lord to appear; they want to see God's work in them. They want the Lord to –

*– shine upon the road
That leads them to the Lamb. (William Cowper)*

and –

*– read their title clear,
To mansions in the skies,
And bid farewell to every fear,
And wipe their weeping eyes. (Isaac Watts)*

O it is a mercy to be a good man. This is what we groan in secret after, to know that we are created anew in Christ Jesus, spotless in Him. I was thinking of those words we have in *Jude: Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. (v.24)* O, I thought, what a mercy to be presented before the throne of His glory with exceeding joy! Is it possible such an one as I, who has so many failings, to be presented faultless before the throne of His glory with exceeding joy? It is true. It is true. It is true! The Lord Jesus Christ will say to His Father: Here am I, and the children Thou gavest me. And He will present them to the Father, without wrinkle, or blemish, or any such thing. How sweet to draw near the Father in the person of the Son, and realise that we are one with the Lord Jesus Christ. And the Father is well pleased with them. I am not going too far when I give utterance to such language:

*'Tis he, instead of me, is seen,
When I approach to God. (John Newton)*

And this is what a good man wants to realise, and if you have the grace of God in you, you want to realise that God looks upon you in the person of His dear Son, that He is well pleased with you. This is a mystery which is hid from the worldly wise, and the mere professor. It is revealed in the hearts of vessels of mercy He hath formed to show forth His praise through life, in death, and throughout the countless ages of a never-ending eternity. *Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. (Psalm 115:1)* O can you come in, poor soul? Have you reason to hope that you are a good man, that is, that you are a man of grace, a praying man, that you want God, and the things of God? You cannot realise it, only as the Lord reveals it to you.

A good man asks for the Spirit. *If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? (Luke 12:13)* They want the fruits of the Spirit to be brought forth, such as meekness, gentleness, longsuffering, etc, *against such, we read, there is no law. (Galatians 5:22,23)* And they that are Christ's crucify the flesh and the lusts of the flesh.

Now a godly man wants to walk in the Spirit. How do I walk? There is no condemnation to them that walk in Christ Jesus. O what great things God does for His people! He is a great God, a great Saviour, and He does great things for sinners. O what a great thing that is for the Lord to enable us by His Holy Spirit to walk before Him, to walk uprightly in His fear. Sometimes the good man has the witness within; sometimes the Lord assures him that he is a good man, that he has the Spirit of God, Christ formed in him the hope of glory. Christ is in him, and he wants Christ. *If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (Romans 8:9)* *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (1 John 5:12)* It is good to examine ourselves as to whether we be in the faith. This is the prayer of a good man:

*Assure my conscience of her part
In the Redeemer's blood;
And bear Thy witness with my heart,
That I am born of God. (Isaac Watts)*

Now, a good man then, Jesus Christ said in the days of His flesh, *A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things.* He speaks out of the good treasure of the heart. There are good things bestowed in the new heart. *I (will) cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. (Proverbs 8:21)* *The treasure is in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (2 Corinthians 4:7)* You do not buy it; you do not purchase it. Benjamin had treasure in his sack, and God's people have the treasure in the heart. What an unspeakable mercy to have a good heart! O to have this treasure in the heart, and out of the good treasure of the heart to bring forth good things! You know, if there is no good thing in you, you cannot bring it forth. You meet with mere professors, and there are no good things in them, and they cannot bring them forth. You meet with a good man, a poor man, an exercised soul, and he will bring forth good things.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (v.34) I put it to you, friends, have you not, out of the abundance of your heart, brought forth good things, things which have been made known to you? You have, in other words, testified of the grace of God, which has brought salvation to you. *They that feared the LORD spake often one to another* of what they had tasted, handled, and felt of the good word of life. *(Malachi 3:16)* You meet with some, professors, and ask them to give you the reason they have of a good hope in them, and I venture to say they cannot bring forth these things, they cannot bring forth good things. That is a good verse we have in *2 Peter 3:15: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.* "I should dread for anyone, at times, to ask me to give them a reason of the good hope that is in me," you say. But sometimes you could give it. Out of the abundance of the heart, you have been ready to testify of the grace of God, and to give a

reason of the hope that is in you. O my friends, what God does for a man – that will stand. I should like to hear what the Lord has done for some of you. I groan for it, that some of you, who are partakers of the grace of God, would say; “Come and hear, all ye that fear the Lord. I will tell you what He hath done for my soul.”

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things. It is hard work; it is solemn work. Why sometimes, friends, you have heard a good man, out of the good treasure of the heart, bring forth good things, and this has caused your soul to dance within you. I know what I am speaking about. Only a few words, perhaps, he speaks, and it is commended to you. You say there is grace there. A king shall be his friend. As it is written in the book of *Proverbs: He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend. (ch.22:11)* And friends, grace falls from the lips. Sometimes you meet with a stranger, and by his conversation you find that he is a man of God – some good things come from his lips. *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. (Hebrews 13:2)*

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things. The Psalmist says in *Psalm 45: My heart is inditing a good matter. (v.1)* That was his good heart, his new heart. (*Margin: My heart boileth, or bubbleth up*). Has your heart ever boiled when you have been in the company of the Lord’s people? Your heart has been warmed, and you have been enabled to feel that your heart is inditing a good matter. You have begun to speak of the good things touching the King. I know something of what you were singing in the hymn. It is not always to feel that the heart is inditing a good matter. But there are such moments when you do, and you speak then of the things you have known touching the King. Then you may say that is a man of God, and you feel such a union together. It is good to meet with such an one; it is good to have conversation with such an one. And you long, at such seasons, to get into the company of God’s people to speak of such things. Sometimes I have wished to have God’s people with me, but at other times I have got on the other side of the street so as not to meet that man, lest my very presence should condemn him.

You know this good man, as I was saying this morning, knows something of evil. And this is what tries him. But blessed be God, there are moments when the Lord revives one, and looks upon one, and He pours out of His Spirit, and the man is then like Jeremiah – he feels the fire burn, and he wants to speak and testify of the things of God. *They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness. (Psalm 145:7)* I can honestly say that I think I have felt it good, during the last week, to spend three days in the house of an aged person. It is good, friends, when you have your heart warmed with the things of God. There is a flowing together, then, *to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden. (Jeremiah 31:12)* O the Lord is good to His people.

It seems, at times, to cut one off. But our thoughts are not God’s thoughts; our ways are not God’s ways. His eyes are as a flame of fire. You cannot see that there is any good thing in you, but God can see that there is some good thing in you. You dare not speak, for the life of you, as being a good man. But there is a word falls from a man’s lips, and you come away satisfied that, if you never meet him on earth again, you will meet him in heaven. God has begun a good work, and He will carry it on. He will never forsake the work of His own hands, and He will come again and again into the souls of His people, and revive them, open their hearts, fill their hearts, and out of the abundance of the heart they will testify of the good things of the kingdom of God. I have felt of late, how I wish I could speak better of what the Lord, I hope, has done for me. O precious Jesus, O friend of sinners, I have felt I could say I do love Thee, my all and in all.

*Jesus, my All, to heaven is gone,
He whom I fix my hopes upon;
His track I see, and I’ll pursue
The narrow way, till Him I view. (Augustus M Toplady)*

O precious Jesus! To think that He should come into this world to suffer in my room, place, and stead!

*Endless love He fixed upon us,
In eternity that's past;
Nor will ever take it from us;
Endless love shall ever last;
Love redeemed us,
And will ever hold us fast. (William Gadsby)*

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things. Before you leave, let me ask you this question: Have you ever brought forth any good thing out of the good treasure of the heart? You may say that is a solemn question. It is a solemn question – let conscience answer it. You may be ready to say, “There is no good thing in me, therefore I have never brought forth any good thing.” That may be. As you sit here this afternoon under the hidings of God’s face, may the Lord in His infinite mercy shine into your heart.

*Lord Jesus, shine, and then I can
Feel sweetness in salvation's plan;
And as a sinner, plead for grace,
Through Christ, the sinner's Hiding-place. (Daniel Herbert)*

And perhaps there are some of you, who do not hesitate to say, “Never has there been any good thing brought out of the treasure of my heart, for the treasure of my heart is an evil treasure. I am a destitute man, full of evil and sin.” Is it so? Some may glory in this. I do not say there is one in this house of prayer – God forbid! *An evil man out of the treasure of the evil heart bringeth forth evil things.* As I lay on my bed at Luton, O what solemn things reached my ears! Outside the house an evil man, out of the evil treasure brought forth evil things. It filled my heart with sadness. You may hear it, perhaps, before you reach home. You cannot come into the company of the ungodly without hearing it from time to time. It distresses you and makes you cry, as I was saying to a friend the other day: *Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men (or men of blood).* (Psalm 26:9) O keep me in the hour of temptation, keep me in the midst of the wicked, O keep me. The evil man, the child of the devil, out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

You know what is written in the Word of God, that their conversation vexed righteous Lot, vexed his righteous soul. (2 Peter 2:7) And the conversation of the wicked vexes you day by day. There is one portion that comes to my mind: *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished.* (2 Peter 2:9) O what a mercy to hate every evil, and to shun it, and to flee from it. A man is known by the company he keeps. Do you love evil men, or do you long to get away from them, when you have to do business with them? I have known it, in days past more especially, and how glad to get into the company of godly men.

How true the Word of God is. Here you have in this portion of God’s Word, which I leave with you, good men and good treasure brought forth out of the heart – who maketh thee to differ? – evil men, out of the evil treasure of the heart, bring forth evil things.

May the Lord add His blessing.