

make them tell lies and put on the cloak of hypocrisy for gain by godliness. And with this hot iron of the love of money has the devil seared the consciences of ten thousand priests, as I could prove if my limits would admit; that they have had no feeling nor no more regard for widows, orphans, nor for the sufferings of men that dare oppose them and cut off their tithes and gain by religion, than if the moneyed priests were a parcel of butchers turned loose with their bull dogs in a beef pen, to kill and slaughter for sport. Those well read in church history know I can prove the facts. Then whenever money is added to the ministry by law, by begging, by salary, or by promised expectation, you sear the conscience of the minister as with a hot iron, though you nor he may not perceive it at the present. And by this adding to the ministry money, not as a necessity, but as a stimulus and beacon to men to enter the ministry, you produce five things: seducing spirits, doctrines of devils, speaking lies, hypocrisy, and a seared conscience—or, a cursed unfeeling regard for the softer passions of human nature. This is true, I say, from the study of church history.—Now here comes the length of the devil's foot to a hair's breadth—verse 3: "Forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.—Verse 4: For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused (no not even a pole cat) if it be received with thanksgiving. Verse 5: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. Verse 6: If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ," &c. In mind of what things? why, of latter times, of seducing spirits, of doctrines of devils, of the priests speaking lies in hypocrisy, of their seared consciences—when they (the priests) could burn them at stakes, and stand and see them broiled like bacon on gridirons or hot coals, and feel no conviction of conscience—and of forbidding to marry, and of abstaining from meats. Now here is the measure of the devil's foot, a seducing spirit; second, lies in hypocrisy; third, a priest with a seared conscience, or an unfeeling disposition towards mankind, where his tithes are at stake; fourth, across God's commands, as God himself

married the first couple—therefore, when the Saviour spoke of putting away wives, he said in the beginning it was not so; for God formed one woman for one man, and no more while she lived, and married them together; and Abraham, Jacob, and Solomon's cases prove to demonstration the curse of having more wives than one. And if the ladies won't be mad, I will say one curse at a time is enough; and he that has more wives than one, will find his hands and heart full of curses; and right too, because God formed them for a help meet for man, but when she turned the world upside down by her sin and wishing to wear the breeches, she has become a help curse, a cause curse, the worst curse, and the most painful curse of all the heart of man ever endured. Don't be mad, ladies, for you know I don't beat the bushes to please man nor woman; but give both the broadsword when they stand in the wrong path. Be content to wear the petticoat, and never, no never, jirk the breeches out of your husband's hands; if you do, nature teaches him to be offended in a minute, and thus you only curse yourself—make him happy by your obedience and submission to his laws, rules, will and wishes, and this will make you happy; and don't pervert the command of God, "wives submit to your own husbands"—for there is a blessing there to both. But if you rebel against this command of God, I tell you there is a curse to both you and him; a poison to your peace and happiness on earth, and all the family, and reputation of the whole group of connections more or less.

Fourth. Abstaining from meats. This is also the length of the devil's foot, since God created meats to be received for the strength and nourishment of the bodies of men, and gave license after the flood to man to eat meats of all kinds they chose. And the Saviour says, it is not that which goeth into the belly that defileth the man—(whether terrapin, lizard, scorpion, turtle, mink, pole cat, or any creature else, all may be eaten without making men sinners) for these do not defile the man; but those lusts that cometh out of the heart of man, these defile the man. Such as, the priest's telling lies to get money; such as, their oppressing the poor to aggrandize themselves and families; such as, telling lies on God, saying he has said, when he has said no such things; such as, en-

forcing the commandments of men and the traditions of the priests to make money, for the commandments of God; such as, the lust and love of money so, that priests will tell lies on God to get it, or have it in all the cursed duping schemes they can invent. Strange indeed that the very priests who are set to tell mankind the vanity of all earthly things, should take such nigh cuts and underhanded swindling ways to make money, and thereby prove their lust from the heart of the precious stuff. These things defile first in my eyes, let them think as they please, more than any man's eating frog or taking his drink of grog.

In the above text you see what I said in the outset, that the devil's path lies right across God's path—first, in forbidding to marry. Has God forbid any sort or set of men to marry? He that says he has, I say is a liar. Therefore Paul, by the spirit on him, saw the rise of the popish priest who forbid the priests to marry, called it the doctrine of devils; and why, but because forbidding to marry is a lie on God, for he has no where forbid any kind of men to marry, only prescribed rules for marrying. Then forbidding to marry is the doctrine of the devil, because it is a lie and the devil is a liar and the father of lies. So then you may know all the doctrines of the devil by this one rule—they cross God's word, which is truth.—No matter where you find his doctrine, whether in offices in the church, or doctrines, or discipline, you may always know the devil's doctrine by its crossing God's word, but at the same time trying to hide its nakedness under Old Testament usages and customs.

To abstain from meats is also by Paul called a devil doctrine. For God in the New Testament has no where commanded men to abstain from meats of any kind. Men have not God's prohibition no where to abstain from meats, yet the cursed popish priests imposed this on the people, to abstain from meats of certain kinds and on certain days. And this was the track of the devil and his priests, both were liars, and therefore the doctrine of the devil, because a lie; a lie on God, that his word in the New Testament no where prohibited. Yet the devil and priest set it up for a doctrine and practice of the church to go by, as a doctrine of God.

Then we see in these scriptures that the exact measure of the devil's foot is lying right across God's word and permission. Take this, my old school brethren, as your guide to know the devil's foot, track, and measure to a hair's breadth by, and you cannot miss one time in a million. For the devil's path in offices, doctrines and discipline, lies direct across God's word and permission. He makes observances for the church to obey, for his priests to get money; this is his track, I tell you, I know his forked foot well. He quotes old Jewish practices, customs and ceremonies to yoke the Gentile Christian church with, and sets them up for laws for the gospel church; saying, except you be circumcised you cannot be saved, or your children must be baptised or they will be damned; both of which cross God's word, and therefore are the doctrines of devils. For baptism by going into the water and coming out of water, is found in God's word; but pouring and sprinkling for baptism, crosses this word, therefore, pouring and sprinkling for baptism is the doctrine, foot, track, and measure of the devil's foot to a hair's breadth. So is funeral preaching—that is the devil's track to make gain for his priests; for he invented it to make money for his hirelings.

But the devil of late has invented a new doctrine, which is called temperance doctrine. And the first proof I offer why the temperance doctrine is a doctrine of devils, is because all the doctrines of the devil have this stamp on them—lies in hypocrisy. Now then the Temperance Society sets up in the first instance with a lie in its mouth, calling itself Temperance, when in reality it is an Abstaining Society—for temperance means a moderate use of things.—Can he who wholly abstains put up a claim to temperance? Surely not. His claim must be abstemiousness, and not temperance. The second reason I offer why temperance doctrine is the doctrine of the devil, is because of the analogy to the two former, which Paul calls by the Holy Ghost the doctrines of devils, viz: forbidding to marry, and abstaining from meats. Now we have good authority here to say, both these are doctrines of devils; and pray, if you can, tell me why abstaining from drinks should not also be the doctrine of devils; since all three cross God's word equally alike,