

ledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Now here is God's command in plain words to Adam, in the garden of Paradise. Now to prove that the first path the devil walked in on earth was directly across God's command. Genesis, iii. 4: "And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die." Then here you can see the devil's old path lies directly across God's commands. God said thou shalt surely die—the devil said ye shall not surely die. Then take this for granted, that the devil's road in all things directly lies across God's road. Thus, says Jesus, he was a liar from the beginning; and you may say also, he was a murderer from the beginning. And from that day to this, the devil's paths in which he and all his agents have walked, have always crossed God's paths.—A few more citations I will give you, to confirm this truth. The next case—by faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cam. Abel brought of the firstlings of the flock for his sacrifice, and obtained witness he was righteous by believing in Jesus Christ and his blood. And as a figure of the Saviour's blood in

which he believed, he offered his firstlings and shed their blood.—Witness Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, &c., doing the same; all which was to show that all true worshippers of the true and living God, must worship him by faith in and through a crucified and bloody Saviour, or all their splendid worship is not worth a groat. But mark this—the devil was a murderer, so was Cain, and he brought his offering of the first fruit of the ground, without faith or blood, for the remission of sins. Here you see again the devil's path—Cain's path, and Cain's offering and worship, lie directly across God's commands and God's road for a sinner to get to heaven by, through the blood of Jesus. For Cain is for going right across God's road to get to heaven, without blood, and by the road of his own offering; which thousands and tens of thousands have been at and now are at to this day; and amounts in the wholesum to go to heaven by works of their own, Cain like, or to join their merits with the Saviour's for salvation, and then divide the glory both on earth and in heaven with him. This last is one of the devil's by-paths, in which he is leading captive thousands to perdition. For my

own arm has brought salvation, says the prophet personating Christ, and salvation is of the Lord. And again: thou shalt be for my salvation to the ends of the earth. So then salvation don't come by the joint works of the Saviour and the sinner, but of the Saviour from the foundation to the top stone; and this joint work of the Saviour and sinner for salvation, is one of the devil's by-paths to hell; but works for salvation, without faith in Christ, is one of the devil's cross-roads to hell. So then you can see that the devil's path of old time, and devil's worship, and devil's agents, lie across God's commands, worship, and plan of salvation for sinners.—Then mark the length of his foot, if you can, for that is his track so far.

You know God said to Abraham he would make him the father of many nations, and that Sarah should have a son, and that he preached the gospel to Abraham, saying, in thy seed shall all nations be blessed. Now, what does the devil do but goes in one of his by-paths and round-about ways, and gets right across God's promise, purpose and oath; and plays a devil trick with old Sarah, and gets her to put Hagar in bed with Abraham, to prevent God's promise; and that Sarah and Abraham might wait no longer for God's promise, but go to work in their own way to fulfil it. This is about the amount of all the stratagems of the new scheme preachers at this day—they make by their money and exertions bond boys and cast outs, but never, no never, a child of promise, a real Christian; for this takes the power of God to strengthen the ministers, and give power to the dead and barren womb of the church, to produce a promised Isaac.

Again: Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated. But the devil gets right across God's path, and stimulates Esau to kill Jacob to prevent the promised seed. Again: from Joseph was to come the shepherd and stone of Israel, (Jesus Christ;) but the devil crosses God's path, and Joseph is sold into Egypt to prevent it. Again: God said to Moses, carry Israel to the land of Canaan, and he had sworn this to Abraham. But what does the devil do but stirs up Balaak and Balaam, while he gives the advice, to cast the Midianitish ladies and their idols in the road of Israel, over which stumbling blocks stumbled 23,000 to their ruin in the camp of Israel. And in

all this affair we see the devil's path lies right across God's commands.—Read—thou shall not commit adultery; thou shall have no other gods beside me. Here you see all this affair, both whoredom and idolatry, right across God's commands. But more than this and that is, here we see the devil religious, but his religion also in opposition to God's.

Again: God commanded king Saul to kill all the Amalekites, and spare neither man nor beast. But the devil crosses God's commands, and gets Saul to save Agag the king, and some of the best of the flocks.—Again: God commanded Samuel to anoint David king. But the devil gets across the path, and stimulates Saul with ten thousand men to kill David and also his own daughter Michel. Again: God commanded that Israel should not be numbered. But the devil stood up right across God's path and the persuasion of Joab, and tempted David to do so. Time would fail me to tell you of Herod, to put the Saviour to death before his time—and of Peter, who Jesus calls satan, to prevent God's decree, who had verily foreordained before the foundation of the world,

that Jesus should be crucified and slain for the sins of men—yet Peter was for his not dying. And also of Pontius Pilate—and the Jews rolling a great stone to the mouth of his grave to prevent his resurrection; for God had said he would not leave his soul in hell, nor suffer his holy one to see corruption. And also of the Jewish magistrates, who opposed the preaching of the apostles, whom Christ had commanded to preach.—And also of the pagan priest, the popish priest, the high church priest, the act of uniformity in England, and also the missionary priest—and of the crusades, and of Mahomet and his followers, and a thousand other evidences to prove from scripture and historical facts, that from the beginning of the world to this day, the devil's paths in religion lie directly across God's commands. This you will find to be true in all cases, except where he finds it most to his concealing his cloven foot, he takes to the bushes or some by-path and thus gets ahead of God's people to chock up the road with stumbling blocks; or to make a fork road to lead part of them out of the king's highway, but those led out of the way are not the king's troops, for he says, though fools they shall not err

therein. And they have a good guide, even the spirit of truth, that shall lead them into all truth; and, says Christ, God's word is truth.—Thus the spirit leads by the word, and so those that go by the word can't go wrong. I have much to say here, but for want of room dare not.

The next thing I have to do, is to prove that the devil has a cloven foot; and while I am doing this do you take the measure. The first print of the devil's cloven or forked foot, is found in the garden of Paradise, in these words: the serpent beguiled me and I did eat—and, you shall not surely die.—Then subtilty and lying was the devil's forked foot in the first instance; and this is his cloven foot to this day, and the cloven foot of all his ministers. Lying and subtilty for gain was the foot of Balaam, Judas, and the false prophets, and all false ministers—gain by religion. Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. Thus, says Jesus, he was a liar from the beginning, a liar and the father of it; and that lies are of his own make. So his cloven foot is seen in all his ministers, in giving out doctrines, ordinances and offices in the church, which directly cross those of God's word. And this is done by lying and subtilty crossing God's commands and saying, God says so, or God knows so, and you must do so; when God in his word has said directly to the contrary. This is the devil's track, measure it who will; telling lies on God to his people, to set God to fall on them to punish them for breaking his commandments, and taking the devil's road. And thus the new scheme preachers have set God on Zion to her present curse, so I say, and the great book will back me in all this.

Again: the devil's cloven foot is seen in Esau. Yes, here his forked hoof is religion on one side and blood on the other. This, then, is the devil's cloven foot. I know his track, religion and blood; yea, law religion is also the devil's club foot, that his wolves may drink the blood of saints. Thus you may see the devil's cloven foot in Cain, Esau, Judas, and the pagan priest, the Roman priest, the high church priest, and law priest, of different ages. And it seems that some missionary priests have this foot, for I have undoubted evidence that one said, not long since, he could stand and see old Lawrence's head