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Fortes Demolished and Prisoners Taken.

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...casing down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, yet the spiritual weapons which can be wielded by the Christian minister are mighty. The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, the arrow of truth, which pierces the consciences of men, the weapon of all prayer, the influence of the Holy Ghost—that divine power—such weapons as these are of God's power, made mighty as these are by the power of spiritual principalities and powers. Truth and holiness are the appointed agencies for the pulling down of the strongholds of the devil, and the bringing of every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Every minister for God takes heed to use none other weapons than those which the Lord hath provided for him in the tower of David. He is not to be despised for his use of them, for they are the weapons of the living God. He is not to be despised for his use of them, for they are the weapons of the living God. He is not to be despised for his use of them, for they are the weapons of the living God.

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Great King of Grace our hearts subdue, May we be led in triumph, too, As willing captives to our Lord, To sing the victories of his word.

There are three things in the text worthy of our observation. The fortresses demolished,—Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God; then secondly, prisoners seized,—Bringing into captivity every thought; and thirdly, prisoners led away captive—for such is the force of the Greek,—Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ,—as if the captured ones were taken away and put under new service to the anointed Prince.

When the gospel endeavors to penetrate the human heart it meets with the earthworks of prejudice, which men have cast up to screen their minds from the force of truth. Many things are opposed to the knowledge of God. The object sought for is that men may be brought to know God to know who he is and what he is, to know their relation to him as fallen men, to know his plan of restoration, to know him in Christ Jesus, and so to know as to love him, to obey him, and to become like him. This is the great object for which the gospel is sent into the world, that the knowledge of the glory of God may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. But men desire not the knowledge of God's ways, and shut up their hearts against the entrance of divine light, by their imaginations and imaginations.

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