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THIS SERMON

IS INSCRIBED, BY

THEIR FAITHFUL SERVANT AND BROTHER,

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GALATIANS i. 8, 9.

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

"As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other Gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

THE specific kind of false teaching, condemned in this awful sentence, was the doctrine of the Judaizing heretics, who preached the necessity of circumcision as well as of faith in Christ. This intermediate system of compromise was partly devised by men who, being Jews by birth, still clung to the Mosaic law; and partly by men of a corrupt and subtle mind, who shrank from the persecution of the Jewish zealots.

It would seem also, that even the Gnostic heretics, although themselves of Gentile birth, and uninitiated into Judaism, enforced nevertheless the necessity of circumcision. The reason of which St. Paul intimates, "If I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet