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of the Word. The Word of God, of course, is not simply called the seed in the Scripture. That is one of the many figures for it. We are told to grow on the sincere milk of the Word. Well, now we are told elsewhere that the milk is not all we need; we need also strong meat. Well, the inference is clear that the strong meat is the meat of the Word of God. We are told that the Word is the instrument whereby we can be cleansed. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy Word." We are told that the Word is to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. God says that His Word is a hammer which breaks the rock in pieces. The Word is the most effective and most vital instrument that we find anywhere in the Word of God. The Word is that which God uses in human life. It was the Word that said, "Let there be light," and light came ^{into} being. It was God's Word that established and created the universe, and God chooses in this age to work through simple, weak fallible instruments, human words, yet He chooses to make these words the means of the conveying of His thought and His accomplishment. It is the Word of God which is the primary instrument all through history, and the fundamental duty of the Christian is not to build up organizations, though he may have very important work to do in that regard. It may be an important part of his effort. The fundamental work of a Christian is not to build buildings, though that may be necessary and important. His fundamental work is not to enter into political life, though as a citizen it is his duty to do his part in politics. His fundamental work is not to advance scholarship, though that may be a vital thing for a man to do. There are many phases of life which may be vital and important to us but the most vital, the most important thing for any Christian to do is to spread the Word, is to sow the Word which God has given us. The Word is the instrument which has been used in history. It is the Word which God has used in the carrying on of His work. God has often accomplished far more through a few humble, perhaps ignorant, people spreading His Word than through mighty armies and great leaders trying to use all the