

in us which are not of Christ, but of ourselves ! God introduces the light to bring out the hindrances to our enjoyment of communion with Himself. How much becomes a source of sorrow because it connects itself with ourselves ! If self-seeking enters the heart of a Christian, there is misery. These things must be got rid of, in order that there may be nothing between God and us : God acts to this end ; and this is the history of the Christian life. God cannot bless us in evil, whatever His blessing spite of it. But He does act in grace ; and if His action is purity, holiness, light, it is also grace. Confide in Him with entire reliance. He purifies you that you may walk so as to enjoy the brightness of His face.

NOTHING BUT CHRIST.

The Epistle to the Hebrews calls us to leave all for Christ. Whatever be the objects in which thus far we may have gloried, it is necessary to abandon them now, and to receive in their stead Jesus the Son of God. Angels give place to the Son ; Moses, the servant of the house, gives place to Christ, who is the Builder ; Joshua, the ancient captain, that led Israel into Canaan, gives place to Christ, the Captain of Salvation, who is now conducting the children to glory ; Aaron, the carnal and dying priest, gives place to the true Melchisedec, who lives and serves in the heavenly temple for ever ; the old covenant gives place to