

the attraction of His grace, she took up her place at His feet ; it was not for anything she might get from Him, it was to listen to His word—and that ever expressed what He was (John viii. 25 *New Trans.*)—as with a heart that sought Him for His own sake, that had found its need of an *object*, and in Him the only object that could satisfy it. It is thus He leads us on. He had awakened in her heart the need of an object. In John xii. we see her satisfied, her action there the blessed expression of it.

It is deeply instructive, too, to see the effect of a heart that has made Him and found Him its object. Drawn into the current of the thoughts of God, for He was His object, she could anticipate what was passing in the mind of the Lord before He had spoken of it. It was a time of varied testimony being borne to the glory of His Person : as Son of God in the resurrection of Lazarus, as Son of David in His last public entry into Jerusalem, and as Son of man when the Greeks came up desiring to see Him. But there was that which lay nearer to His heart than taking His place in all this glory—the necessary path to it for the glory of God—it was His death. He speaks of it fully, later on in this chapter : “ Now is My soul troubled, and what shall I say ? Father, save Me from this hour ! but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name.” How blessed it is to see a vessel prepared, as Mary of Bethany, that testimony might not be