

Some time ago a friend of ours was speaking to one who doubted the unchanging favour of God toward His people, and who has not the blessing of settled peace with God. "Is God not satisfied with what Jesus was, and is, for you?" He enquired. "Can He then hide His face from you? No; it is you, who, by looking within yourself, and pulling the blind down, shut Him out. You must keep the blind up. If the sun is pouring forth all its golden beauty, and you are keeping the blind up, it will shew forth all its power to you; but if you draw the blind down you hinder its rays from entering your room. And if you become occupied with self, and are taken up with your own feelings and thoughts, instead of with Christ, you are in darkness, for you thereby shut out the light of His presence." Our hearts are truly deceitful, and our thoughts and feelings often very evil, but God looks at us who believe, as not in the flesh but in Christ. It is this fact which gives our souls peace. This illustration of keeping the blind up, has helped many a poor doubter.

Let the truth of the perfect satisfaction which God has in Christ, and peace coming to us through Christ in glory, be the sunlight you would have pouring into your soul. "Keep the blind up," reader; look not within the dark chamber of your heart, but outside of yourself to Christ. Again, many doubts are bred in the bosom, because *there is not faith in a risen Saviour*. Too many linger over the cross as if Jesus were still there. As if He