

THE INSENSIBILITY OF SIN.

HOW little estimate most people have of what sin is in God's sight. You will hear people talk of being sinners in a general way, little thinking what a tremendous thing sin is before Him—how difficult it was to put it away! So difficult that none but God could put it away—and that only by the death of His Son! You will hear it said that an evil conception is not sin, unless it is carried into action. Mere natural conscience is shocked by an evil act; but men do not ask themselves, why Christ had to die? Why God gave a law to forbid the evil that was there in their hearts? Thus they do not believe they are sinful and away from God. When man did go away from God—when God drove him out from the garden—He took care that man should carry a conscience with him. A terrible companion it is too, if it is violated; but still in reality a great mercy, because God works in it to bring him to a sense of his state. This is a mercy.

Paul was a blameless man in a natural conscience, till that light shone down into his soul; then the enmity of his heart to God was exposed. Yet the light that exposed his heart shone from the face of Him who had borne the judgment of God which was upon that heart.

You hear people say, too, that they expect to go to heaven; they take it for granted they will go; but they don't care about heaven at all. It is easy to say