

enlighten thy followers—to bring all things into their remembrance, and to lead them into all truth. “To whom shall I go but unto thee, for thou hast the words of eternal life.” In thee “are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” There I resign my understanding to thy teaching, for “no man knoweth the Father but the Son, and those to whom the Son shall reveal him.” I likewise choose thee for my Lord and my King, for thou art “altogether lovely,” and in every character necessary for my soul. There are enemies in my soul, which none can vanquish and totally destroy but thou alone. Here are nations of heart corruptions, which nothing less than all conquering grace can subdue. I therefore implore thee Almighty aid; do thou possess the throne of my heart thyself, and cast out of it every thing that opposeth itself to thy power and grace.—It is thine already by purchase, O make it thine also by conquest, and perform the whole work of a Redeemer upon it.” After this sort doth the true believer address himself to the Lord Jesus, and thus he answereth the call to come unto him. From all that hath been said, we may learn our duty in this business. Let every labouring and heavy laden sinner hearing me this day, betake himself to the same happy course, plead his own call, and humbly claim his gracious protection. Flee, then, without delay to his all-atoning blood—all perfect righteousness; and cleave to him as the Lord “your righteousness and your strength.”

III. Let us consider *the gracious promise with which our Lord expresses his call and invitation*: “I will give you rest.” This was the third thing I purposed to speak to. There can be no doubt at all that the rest here mentioned by our blessed Lord and Master must be at least of equal extent with the burden, and include a deliverance from every cause of trouble to the poor labouring and heavy laden sinner. But the subject is an ocean without bottom or shore. We cannot measure the breadth of it, neither can its depth be fathomed; for the riches of Christ is unsearchable, and surely no tongue can express what the mind itself is unable to comprehend. Nevertheless I shall attempt to say a few things which may be of use to help forward your comfort, peace and joy, till eternity shall unfold the whole to view.

First. Doth the guilt of sin and the curse of the law lie heavy on thy heart, believer? “Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.” In the sacrifice of Christ, there is an infinite merit which never can be exhausted. He hath satisfied the most extensive demands of justice, and purchased a full and everlasting indemnity to every penitent believing sinner; and hence is that memorable passage of the apostle Paul in Rom. viii., “There is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit.” No sooner doth a poor, labouring and heavy laden sinner come to Christ in the way above laid down, than “he passeth from death to life.” Christ spreads the spotless robe of his righteousness over the poor sinner, and under the covert thereof presents him to his heavenly father, and from that happy instant he is no longer under the law, but under grace. “For Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. And what a plentiful source of consolation is this! Well may it