Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor."

Above all, there was the witness of the Father's voice. Whether it was heard by any other ear than that of Jesus we do not know. But He heard it, the Father's word of commendation and of cheer, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The joy which that assurance brought to Jesus is past all telling or imagining. It put the stamp of the divine approval upon all the years that He had lived in Nazareth. It declared that He was fit for the work God had given Him to do.