

a skilful servant might educate me earnestly and deeply in one and all of the details, from the circumcision to the corn of the land; but I should lose the real power and conscious title of *entree*, if I had not seen the Captain of the Lord's Host, and, as an unshod worshipper, known that it is *with Him* that I take possession. In 2 Cor. iv. 6, the apostle has been shewing how the reception of the gospel connects us with Christ in glory, as it had thus connected himself at first, when he was taught this gospel, and was enjoined to be a minister and a witness of *the things that he had seen*. Now it was a glorified Christ that he had *seen*; therefore, if any one sees not this light which is the ministration of righteousness, it is not salvation merely that he is rejecting,—but the “light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face [or person] of Jesus Christ.”

I have often felt, that, in preaching or teaching, the Person and presence of the Lord was not the chief point set before the soul. By some the gospel is preached by calling on sinners to present Christ to God as an all-sufficient atonement for their sins; others, more enlightened, proclaim the love of God declared in His Son giving eternal life to every believer. But both these fall short of the presentation of God establishing righteousness in His own Son, and through Him; leading the believing prodigal to His own House, and nearness to Himself forever, in full and unbroken joy to *both*. In the two former, though the gain of the