

There must be no other motive for action than the will of God, which for man is always found in the word; because in that case, when Satan tempts us to act, as he always does, by some other motive, this motive is seen to be opposed to the word which is in the heart, and to the motive that governs the heart, and is therefore judged as being opposed to it. It is written, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee." This is the reason why it is so often important when we are in doubt, to ask ourselves by what motive we are influenced. Observe also that, consequently, it is in the spirit of simple and humble obedience that power lies; for where it exists, Satan can do nothing. God is there, and accordingly the enemy is conquered. Satan departs from Him, and the angels come to exercise their ministry towards the Messiah, the Son of Man victorious through obedience. What Satan would have Him try God about, He has fully. They are *ministering* spirits for us also.

"I AM."

Exodus iv. 13.

Next comes the first great initiatory lesson for the soul, with whom God is about to deal with. When Moses would come to Israel, and they would ask him, "What is his name?" "What (said he) shall I say unto them?" "And God said unto Moses, I AM, THAT I AM; and thou shalt say