

tells us. It was the Holy Ghost who gave the word. And whether we look at the zeal of Sarah in Gen. xxi., or the earnestness of Paul in Galatians, we learn the precious secret of the heart of God, that He will have His elect in the adoption and liberty of *children*. Relationship, as well as redemption, is of the grace in which we stand.

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### GOD SEEING US, AND OUR SEEING GOD.

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(HEBREWS XI. 27.)

“For he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.”

If you compare this with an expression in Genesis xvi., I think the force of both is made much more distinct. “And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after Him that seeth me?” In the one case Moses sees God; in the other, although Hagar looks after Him, it was God that saw her. We are apt in everything to look at the lower end of the truth, to content ourselves with the scantiest portion that can sustain us.

Now Hagar did not really go beyond this. She was the bond woman; she knew nothing of the liberty of grace. She might look after God, but what she reached was this, “Thou God seest me.” Now the simple consciousness that God sees us, never goes beyond the knowledge either that He is a Judge, noticing our ways to deal with them, or, at most, that He is a guardian to protect in