

mised Deliverer who was in after ages to appear to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

"It is written in the prophets, *And they shall be all taught of God.*" Divine teaching is indispensably necessary; there can be no saving knowledge without it, no coming to Christ without it, and this is the very means which the Divine Father employs to draw sinners to his Son. He draws by *teaching*. God is a great, a good and a gracious teacher. He teaches by doctrine, by the manifestation of his moral character, by innumerable acts of kindness, and by the whole plan of redemption. He has given us his word, his Son, his Holy Spirit. By these means he teaches; they are the moral cords by which he draws; they are the moral forces by which he attracts the heart. It is with loving-kindness that God draws and with the bands of a man; in other words, it is by his acts that he allures and wins the affections of the soul. So that, when it is said that the Father draws sinners to his Son the meaning obviously is that he induces them to come to Jesus by shewing them who Jesus is, what he is, what he has done, and what he is able and willing to accomplish for them. No wonder that Jesus said; "Every man therefore that hath heard and hath learned of the Father cometh unto me." They will, when thus taught of God, be constrained to cry out as did Simon-Bar-jona. "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." "Lord, to whom, shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

When God speaks surely men are *able to hear*! When he teaches, surely men are *able to learn*! But it is a melancholy fact, that multitudes have, in all ages, resisted the means and gracious influences which have been brought to bear upon their minds. It is a melancholy fact, that men do refuse to hear when God speaks to them, that they do refuse to obey when he commands, and learn when he teaches. Yea, when he gives them line upon line, here a little and there a little, and condescends to reason with them, they turn their back upon him, and lend a deaf ear to all his entreaties. Men do resist the Divine Spirit when he anxiously and earnestly strives with them to influence their minds, to soften their hearts, and win their affections. Both scripture, and observation, furnish us with abundant evidence that the divine Father is dishonoured, disobeyed, disregarded, and the influences of his Holy Spirit resisted times without number. For example, Nehemiah says, chapter ix, 20, 21; "Thou gavest also *thy good Spirit to instruct them*, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gav-