

heart, for it deceives him ; but it cannot deceive God, and the answer to the question, " Who can know it ? " is, " I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Yes, the Lord searches the heart, and He has told us what He sees coming out of that corrupt fountain. Exposing the hypocritical wickedness of the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees, He says: " Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Solemn testimony given by the Searcher of hearts ! We might suppose that the application is not universal ; but another scripture sweeps away every such thought as utterly false : " As it is written, ' There is none righteous, no, not one ; ' " " there is none that doeth good, no, not one ; " " For there is no difference, for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." ( Rom. iii, 10, 12, 22, 23. ) " No difference ! " " no difference ! " Alas ! alas ! then all are ruined. Yes all, all are ruined by sin. But God, blessed be His name, has a sovereign remedy, even for those that are ruined, and the remedy is accessible to all.

But dear Mr.——, it is good, it is wise, to bow to the verdict that God, the infallible Judge, has declared. He declares " all have sinned," all are guilty ; and to own this verdict as just, is the way by which we come into the blessing and favor He has to bestow.

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