

talked about, and took such a firm hold of men's minds that great multitudes crowded around him from every quarter, and as he was wont he taught them. "Early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him ; and he sat down and taught them."—John viii., 2.

To emphasize this part of his work, he is frequently called *Master*, or *Teacher*, while no term is more frequently applied to his followers than the word *disciples*, or scholars. He himself says, "Come, learn of me." We are warranted, therefore, in considering him as a *teacher* sent from God, as well as an *atonement* for sin, or an *example* to his people, though these are but different parts of the one work given him to do,—“to bring his many sons into glory.”

#### HIS CHARACTER AS A TEACHER.

“*And it came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine ; for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the Scribes.*”—Matt. vii., 28, 29.

What a skillful, constant teacher the Master was, using every opportunity and incident to bring truth home to the heart and conscience of his hearers. Though it is only a small part of all he uttered that has been preserved to us in the Gospels, yet what a store of truth is recorded there ! How rich the moral precepts he lays down ! What a light is thrown across all duty by his *Sermon on the Mount* ! What a revelation he gives us of the Father's mercy and love ! Christ's teaching, like his example, was perfect, and his lessons had many characteristics peculiar to himself, for no man ever *taught* like this man. He poured forth, from the fountains of his own holy life, and spake