

REMARKS ON LUKE xxii. 14-34.

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God would not allow Jacob to be given over to the hatred of Esau; and at the end of his course Jacob could say, (Gen. xlviii. 15, 16,) "The God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil," &c.

When God trains the heart in this way, He sometimes leaves it in Satan's hands. Judas' conscience was in Satan's hands, and therefore he fell into despair. Peter's heart was in His hands for a time but his conscience never. Therefore, instead of despairing, like Judas, the love of Jesus, expressed in a look, had power to touch his heart.

Directly grace acts in the heart, it gives the consciousness of sin; but, at the same time, the love of Christ reaches the conscience deepening the consciousness of sin; but if this is deep, it is because the consciousness of the love of Christ is deep also.

Perfect as was the pardon of Peter, he could never forget his sin. Not only was he fully forgiven, but his conscience was in the Lord's hand when the Holy Ghost revealed the fulness of the heart of Jesus to him. His conscience had been so fully purified that he could accuse the Jews of the very sin he had himself committed under the most solemn circumstances.

"Ye denied the Holy One and the Just," were his words. The blood of Christ had fully cleansed