

Father seeks from His people now. The Apostle Paul styles this sort of thing a return to "the weak and beggarly elements," to bondage, and says of those who in his day had been beguiled by ceremonies, "I am afraid of you," etc. Let not these things beguile you from the simplicity in Christ. What! will you play with a poisonous snake because it has a gaily speckled back? Keep clear of all danger to your eternal interests. The pitfalls of Popery are concealed by fair flowers, but they will none the less be your ruin if you fall into them. The Bible brands it as antichristianity, and traces its origin to Satan. I warn you to stand aloof from the whole thing if you would not be involved in its solemn judgments.

Remember that there is only "*one Mediator* between God and man"; that there is but "*one sacrifice* for sins," offered "*once*" for all and "*for ever*." Through the "*one Mediator*," by the "*one sacrifice*," "draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." You need no mediator between yourself and Christ. The priest is a false intruder there. Jesus calls you to come to Himself. He is both human and Divine. He is bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh, yet without sin. God is in Him. He is one with us, and one with God. Suffer nothing to come between your soul