

But nowhere does God speak so impressively and expressively as in the plan of redemption. The Bible is the word of God. Here he speaks to us, and we can distinctly hear the tones of his voice. He uttered his voice when light started into existence, and when he rolled worlds from his creating hand. "For by the word of the Lord were the heavens made and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth." He uttered his voice when he hung the earth upon nothing, and laid the foundations of the everlasting hills. He uttered his voice in "paradise lost," when he asked the question, Adam where art thou? He uttered his voice when Mount Sinai was enveloped in clouds of thick darkness, and when Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake. Then the very earth trembled at the voice of the Lord. Then the voice of the Lord was powerful and full of majesty, but when Christ appeared God uttered his voice still more audibly and more gloriously. Never was his voice so distinctly heard before. What was the incarnation but the expression of God's mind and will! What but the laying bare his very heart for our inspection! What but the tender tones of his voice of love and mercy! The Incarnate One is the WORD of God. He is at once the revealer of God, and God revealed. He is the manifestor of God, and God manifest in the flesh. He is the visible manifestation of the invisible God. He who saw Jesus saw the Father. He who heard Jesus heard the Father; and he who believeth in Jesus believeth in him that sent him. O it is when we visit the sacred spot called Bethlehem, or Calvary, that we hear the heart-melting tones of the voice of him, whose nature is love. The advent of Christ, his life, his character, the doctrines which he taught, the sacrifice which he offered to God for a sweet-smelling savour, and the offices which he fills in the economy of grace reveal God; manifest the moral character of God; make known his will and purposes of mercy.

Dear reader, have you heard and been moved and melted by the tender tones of Jehovah's voice? God hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. His language is, "Unto you O men I call and my voice is to the sons of men."