

SOME GROUNDS
WHEREON
A POOR SINNER MAY EXPECT MERCY
THROUGH
THE MERITS OF JESUS CHRIST.

First, Through a sense of sin, so look on the Lord Christ, as those who were stung with the scorpions in the wilderness did on the brazen serpent.

Next followeth the humbling of the soul, the effects of which are to be seen in these scriptures, to wit, Job xxi. 29; Psal. x. 17; Isa. lv. 5; James iv. 6. Which humiliation begets a self-examination, by which, knowing the holy rule of life, and comparing a man's life to that rule, trying how his case is, he is thereby ready to say (in respect to his misery) as the Apostle doth, Rom. vii. 9-11. He seeth himself a dead man in the sense of the law. Then that works in him a holy sorrow, and that of repentance not to be repented of, to wit, repentance to salvation, 2 Cor. vii. 10, 11. It brings him to see not only that he is a condemned or guilty person, but that he is irrecoverably lost, and must needs perish, without some person as a mediator or redeemer, to undertake for his ransom, or