

flow from the incarnation and the propitiation. Then we shall see God's character in all its inexpressible glory, and exclaim with profound wonder and adoration; "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? For of him, and through him, and to him are all things; to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

THE ATONEMENT.

The fact of atonement may be proved from the typical sacrifices of the ancient dispensation, in connection with those passages in the New Testament, which represent the work of Christ as the only real, true sacrifice for sin. We do not mean to enter into the inviting subject of sacrifice, but simply to indicate how it proves that the work of Christ is truly propitiatory.

The ancient sacrifices were typical of the sacrifice of Jesus. God commanded them to be offered up and approved of them. Paul says, that the law had "a shadow of good things to come," it foreshadowed the good things. The sacrifice of Jesus is the substance—the good thing. Paul says again, "It is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sin." But by the one sacrifice of Jesus, which the many sacrifices of the law prefigured, sin is atoned for. The ancient sacrifices were symbols of truth, and as such intended to teach most important truth to the Jewish people; they were at the same time predictive of the great propitiatory sacrifice of Jesus Christ. These sacrifices too, served important purposes in the Jewish economy. By means of them the Jewish people were delivered from ceremonial defilement, and made welcome to the blessings and privileges of the theocracy.

From the type we may learn important truth respecting the glorious antitype. The object of sacrifice must have been to give the ancient worshippers ideas of the Divine purity, of the evil and desert of sin, of the propitiousness of God, of expiation, and of pardon on the ground of expiation. Sacrifice also predicted the fact of the sacrifice of Jesus, on which rests the truth that God is propitious. The propitiatory sacrifice of Jesus is the pathway on which mercy goes forth laden with the blessings of salvation for a guilty world. "The selection, presentation, and