

## JESUS RECEIVING A SINNER.

LUKE VII. 36 50.

IN this seventh of Luke we have a most lovely picture of the grace and the glory of the Lord Jesus in the scene in the house of Simon the Pharisee. Simon had bidden Jesus to a feast, thinking He was a prophet; but, to his offence, He suffers a woman of the city, a *sinner* to embrace His feet, and washing them with her tears, to wipe them with the hairs of her head. Simon thought that if Jesus had been a prophet He would have known *who* and *what sort* of a woman this was who *touch'd* Him, "for" said he "she is a sinner." But now the Lord's turn comes, and He let's Simon know that He knew both him and the woman; and out of the mouth of the Pharisee himself, He brings the explanation of her conduct, so strange in his eyes; and his own condemnation because he had not done likewise. For *truth* came by Jesus Christ. He was the true light, which made every man manifest. Simon is laid bare to his own eyes in the presence of the Son of God, whilst the woman is set forth in all the fragrance of her sacrifice.

Jesus relates the parable of the two debtors, the one owing five hundred pence and the other fifty; and the grace of the creditor, who seeing they had nothing to pay, frankly forgave them both. And then He gets from Simon the acknowledgement that *love* was due on the part of both for such royal grace; but most love from him to whom most was forgiven. And