

if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." If human intercession can have power with God, this must prevail. But he makes no merit of this self-renunciation. All his entreaties are grounded on the divine mercy and faithfulness. He says, Thy people, Thy deliverances, Thine honor, Thy covenant, Thy grace, and promise. He has no smoking altar, can point to no atoning cross; but he lays hold upon that redeeming love which is to appear upon Calvary and open a way to justify the ungodly. And that divine mercy which is from everlasting to everlasting over all his children, looking upon the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world, is turned toward Israel. The great purpose takes them up once more, the saving power is restored, God does forgive. My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Of many practical lessons we select two.

1. *The sinner needs conviction of sin.* Instead of this he usually offers excuses. Moses' first word was full of confession: Oh, this people have sinned a great sin. Contrast the conduct of Aaron. He too is a great man, second in the nation, brother and spokesman of its leader, to be made a high-priest over the people; he first has the opportunity to stand out against their wickedness, to be the one man, with God, stronger than a nation; and here he is leading in this abominable business! How Moses turns upon him! What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

2. *The sinner needs a mediator.* The intercession of Moses illustrates the work of Christ our Mediator. Something more awful than clouds and lightnings drove the Israelites back from the mount; they were guilty, and God was there. He drew near to the Lord, made intercession for them, and won mercy. So now: the sinner dares not meet Jehovah; if he would pray, his petitions are not worthy; offered in his own name he can have no assurance that they will be heard. But we have a Mediator who is worthier than Moses. The one was a faithful servant, the other is a Son over his own house. Truly there is but one mediator between

God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by him.

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