

for it in Jesus Christ; nor anything we can want, but he is as willing as he is able to give it."

It still kept raining, and the soldier was kept hearing, while several parts of Scripture were compared, and he saw that the grand design of all Scripture was to show the Saviour to the sinner, and bring the sinner to the Saviour: and it appeared that the good Samaritan, Luke x. 33—36, who bound up the wounds of the man who fell among the thieves, took him to the inn and provided for him, was but a picture of his friend.

At length the weather cleared, and the soldier came away, but not in the state of mind in which he had entered the house. He went, as he lately told me, with the farmer on the next Sunday to hear an eminent clergyman, and then God brought the truth home to his heart. He called at the house of an acquaintance of his who was much surprised to hear him say, after he had sat down a few minutes, "Tom, I have been a mad man all my life, and am now but just recovered." He then related what he had heard and what he felt.

For as a man awakes out of a dream and recovers his right mind after the wild imaginations of the night are past, and tells the first person he meets of the disorder into which his spirits have been hurried, so did the soldier talk to his friend. He plainly saw how dreadfully he had been fighting against God and his own soul by a course of swearing, drunkenness, debauchery, and unbelief. He now felt what a bad example, yea, and what a curse he had been to his fellow-soldiers! what an awful evil sin is, with which he had sported! and what a depth of misery he must have fallen into, had he been cut off in such a course!—He also felt that he never could be sufficiently thankful for the repentance which God had now given him, and for the lively hope afforded him in the gracious promises made to returning sinners.

He did much more: many talk of religion who have none; but this man proved his recovery by a new course of life; and he proved, that when a man has a heart to serve God, he may serve him in almost any station of life. If some, from ignorance, scorn that change in him which he had formerly scorned in others, this man was so ready to forgive, for he felt no man owed so much forgiveness. No man was so faithful to his trust, or obedient to his station; for he served his God while he served his king.

No man bore up more nobly under difficulties, for he knew that he was all appointed of his God, and were working together for his good. No man faced death with so firm a heart, for he knew