

in the Old Testament. "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed." Is. liii, 5. Thus also is he presented to view in the New. We must look to his humiliation and sufferings and death. It is when we consider his work, as a propitiation by his obedience until death, that we see the importance of the glory of his person. His peerless dignity, as the Son of God, imparts value and worth to the sufferings which he bore and to the death which he died for us, and indeed it is by considering his work that we come to apprehend the glory of his person. It is by a person's acts that we know his character. The tree is known by its fruits. So it is by knowing the work of Christ, as the great Atoner, that we apprehend the love and grace and goodness that are in his heart, the wisdom and the power by which he is distinguished. Look then, O sinner, to Christ as having died for you. You will see in his work of propitiation what is suited to you as ungodly; and you will see how God is just in justifying the ungodly who believe in Jesus. Believer, never forget to look to the Cross of Christ. Contemplate him as your once crucified Jesus. Never forget your own unworthiness, and that all the worth, on account of which you are justified and saved, is in the humiliation and death of Christ. Ah! then you will see your indebtedness to him, and be filled with grateful joy.

" To him what a treasure
Of blessings we owe,
For there thrills not a pleasure,
But pierced him with woe;
Our blessings on earth, and our glory above,
Shot many a pang through that bosom of love.' "

In looking to the death of Christ for pardon and justification, the mind should contemplate the end that God had in view in giving him to die for us, and which Christ had in view in giving himself to suffer in our room. Many persons look simply to the sad and tragical account of his sufferings and death, to the purity and heroism of Jesus, and to the wickedness of the Jews in putting him to death; and when their minds are distressed because of the agonies that he bore; when they are filled with admiration of the manner in which Jesus conducted himself in the most awful and perilous circumstances in which he was placed; and with indignation against the Jews, because of their unbelief, cruelty, selfishness and wickedness in crucifying him,—they imagine them-