

xxxii, 11, 12. Job likewise, God said, was a perfect man, and you must not contradict him; and though Satan had as much power to kill Job's wife, as to destroy the other things, (as all except Job's life was in his hands,) but he thought he would spare her for an instrument, or a torment, Job i, 12—22, and ii, 9, 10. David was a man after God's own heart, when feeding his father's sheep, not when he was committing adultery, 1 Sam. xiii, 14, and xvi 7—11, 2 Sam. xii, 13. Zacharias and Elizabeth were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments, &c., blameless, Luke i, 5, 6. Nathaniel was an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile, &c., John i, 47. John speaking of himself, and those to whom he wrote, says, "Herein our love made perfect, and perfect love casteth out fear." 1 John iv, 17, 18. Again, of the seven churches of Asia, five had some reproof, but two had no reproof at all, Smyrna and Philadelphia; why not if they had a little sin. The latter was highly commended, (Rev. ii, 8, 9, and iii, 7,) and so on, &c.

Query: Must we not get rid of all sin before we go to glory? Do not we feel desires for it? Did not God give us those desires? Does not he command us to pray for it? Should we not look in expectation of receiving? God help thee to consider without prejudice the above impartially, as a sincere inquirer after truth, let it come from whom it may, intending to improve conscientiously, as for eternity: Amen. Says one, do you think a man can know his sins forgiven in this life, and have the evidence of his acceptance with God? Answer: We are informed, that Abel had the witness that he was righteous, Gen. iv, 4, Heb. xi, 4. Enoch had the testimony v, 5. Job said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," (Job xix, 25,) and "though he slay me yet will I trust in him." David said, "Come unto me all ye that fear the Lord, and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul." "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath the Lord separated our sins from us." Psalm lxvi, 16. Peter said, (John 21,) "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." John saith, "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself," 1 John v, 10. Matt. i, 21, "Jesus shall save his people" (not in, but) "from their sins." Again, (John iii, 8,) "the wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof" &c.; "so is every one that is born of the spirit." The wind, though we do not see it, we feel and hear it; and see the effects it produces,—it waves the grass, &c. So the Spirit of God, we feel it; it gives serious impressions, and good desires within our breast for religion. Again, we hear it—an inward voice telling what is