

FORGIVENESS, DELIVERANCE, ACCEPTANCE.

READ LEV. I. AND IV.

How the New Testament helps us in understanding the Old, throwing light upon the types there ; and, in so doing, oftentimes bringing out the truth more vividly than a mere doctrinal statement of the same !

In these two chapters, we have the work of Christ on the cross brought before us in two aspects. In the 1st (the burnt offering), what Christ was in His death for God ; in the 4th (the sin offering), what He was in His death for the sinner. God of course begins with that aspect of it which is for Himself, and afterwards comes to that which is for the sinner. We, on the contrary, have to begin with what Christ was in His death for us, and so will look first at chap. iv.

“If a soul shall sin through ignorance, etc.” (ver. 2). How strikingly this brings out the holiness of God ! How ready we are to make excuses, and, if a thing is done in ignorance, to think but little of it. But, dear reader, in having to do with God, we must remember that His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither His ways our ways and that as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than our ways, and His thoughts than our thoughts (Is. lv. 8, 9). God, in His grace, has made provision for the guiltiest, if they will but hearken to Him, but