

no barrier stands between you and salvation, but your own unbelief. Did you only give credit to the simple and sublime fact that God loves you, a marvellous and a mighty moral change would instantly take place in your heart, and produce a complete revolution in your life. Dr. Chalmers in his sermon on "God is love" brings out this important truth so fully and so eloquently that we need make no apology for the following extract: "But for the purpose of making this doctrine available to ourselves personally, we must view the love of God, not as a vague and inapplicable generality, but as specially directed, nay actually proffered, and that pointedly and individually to each of us. It is not sufficiently adverted to by inquirers, nor sufficiently urged by ministers, that the constitution of the gospel warrants this appropriation of its blessings by each man for himself.

"This all-important truth, so apt to be lost sight of in lax and hazy speculation, may be elicited from the very terms, in which the gospel is propounded to us, from the very phraseology in which its overtures are couched.

"It is a message of good news unto *all people*—to me therefore as one of the people, for where is the scripture which tells that I am outcast? Christ is set forth as a propitiation for the sins of the *world*; and God so loved the *world* as to send His Son into it. Let me therefore, who, beyond all doubt, am in the world, take the comfort of these gracious promulgations—for it is only if out of the world, or away from the world, that they do not belong to me. The delusive imagination in the hearts of many, and by which the gospel is with them bereft of all significance and effect, is, that they cannot take any general announcement or general invitation, that is therein to themselves, unless in virtue of some certain mark or certain designation, by which they are specially included in it. Now, in real truth, it is all the other way. It would require a certain mark, or certain designation, specially to exclude them, and without some such mark which might expressly signalize them, they should not refuse a part in the announcements or invitations of the gospel. If the gospel have made no exceptions of them, they either misunderstand that gospel, or by their unbelief make the author of it a liar, if they except themselves. They demand a particular warrant for believing that they are comprehended within the limits of the gospel call to reconciliation with God. Now the call is universal; and it would rather need a particular warrant to justify their own dark and distrustful ima-