

So you see the danger of harbouring sinful thoughts. They may ruin all your prospects for this world ; and if not quite so bad as that, they always damage a person in some way. But the solemn consideration is, that *God judges you by them.* It is true, we look at the conduct of people, and we are thankful for all good behaviour. But the most important, the most serious business of every boy, of every man and woman, is to look after the state of his own heart ; for while " man looketh at the outward appearance, God looketh at the heart."

Yes, my dear young friends, have your *hearts right, clean, pure.* And how can you have them thus, but by seeking to have them cleansed by the blood, and sanctified by the spirit of Christ ? " Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean ; wash me and I shall be whiter than the snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Now, if you get a new heart, and thus become a child of God, loving Him and His word, and all that belongs to Him, you will