

right, his holiness, and his good conscience. And the great problem of all religions is, "*How to win back the good conscience lost by the fall.*" "*How can a man be just with God.*" There is no rest for the spirit of man till he solves this problem.

1. To find a good conscience, one must go to the Spirit to have it *enlightened*. Sin has not slain conscience, nor even blinded it; it has distorted its vision. The fault is diseased, defective, distorted vision. *The eye is evil*. It sees things in false lights, in false colors, in false proportions. It is the work of God's Spirit to rectify the vision. He who formed the conscience and gave it authority, he alone can restore its vision. Let us go to him crying, Have mercy on us, Holy Spirit. And when he asks us what we want, let us reply, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."

2. To find a good conscience, one must go to Christ to have it *sprinkled with His blood*. A conscience enlightened, and nothing more, is a terrible thing. From this comes remorse that gnaws men's spirit like an undying worm. An enlightened conscience sees sin in its true light, and cries out for an atonement; for something to remove the guilt of sin and restore the sinner to the favor of God. The cry of an enlightened conscience is, What shall I do to be saved? Many answers have been given, but the only answer is this one: "The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, shall purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." This satisfies divine justice and reconciles us to God. "Let us draw, therefore, near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience."

3. To find a good conscience, one must go to the *word of God to have it instructed*. An enlightened and justified conscience is like Lazarus restored to life and standing in the beautiful sunshine, but bound. "Loose him and let him go." Life is full of knotty questions, perplexing problems. The traveller stands often where many roads meet. He needs a teacher, an instructor, a guide. This, God has furnished in his own word, which is a "light to the feet and a lamp to the path." "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

4. To find a good conscience one must go into *practical life to have it exercised*. In all the arts of life, skill comes from exercise. A conscience that contents itself with giving forth abstract and sound decisions on