

GOD IN EVERYTHING.

"Even so Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight."

—Matthew xi. 26.

One of the great obstacles to living a life of peace and rest, is the difficulty of seeing God in everything. People say, "I can easily submit to things which come from God; but I cannot submit to man, and most of my trials and crosses come through human instrumentality." Or they say, "It is all well enough to talk of trusting; but when I commit a matter to God, man is sure to come in and disarrange it all, and while I have no difficulty in trusting God, I see serious difficulties in the way of trusting men."

This is no imaginary trouble, but it is of vital importance, and if it cannot be met, does seem to make the path of faith an impossible and visionary theory. For nearly everything in this life comes to us through human instrumentalities, and many of our trials are the result of some body's failure, or ignorance, or carelessness or sin. We know God cannot be the author of these things, and yet unless He overrules the matter, how can we say to Him about it, "Thy will be done?"

Moreover, things in which we can see God's hand always have a sweetness in them which consoles while it wounds. But the trials inflicted by man are full of bitterness.

What is needed, then, is to see *God in everything*,