

it is received as "done unto me" saith Jesus : that it is an appeal to the mightiest motive within the Christian's heart.

1st. There is no salvation but by God's mercy : —since man hath fallen, and if left to himself, would continue to fall for eternity in sinfulness and the bottomless pit of perdition, it is impossible to conceive him recovered but by the tender mercy of our God, whereby the day spring from on High hath visited us ; we may wonder, and search and question concerning the origin of evil, the innate energy of the soul, the sinfulness of sin, as we will ; we shall assuredly find written upon every truth, and every promise that leads to the hope of salvation, mercy, mercy —free unmerited mercy ; the most righteous will sing with David, "I trust in the *mercy* of God for ever and ever ;" and the conscious and self-accusing sinner will fasten simply upon the promise, "I will be merciful unto their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

Nor doth the full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, made for the sins of the whole world, derogate at all from the mercy of God ; as it was mercy that devised and completed the stupendous scheme of redeeming a lost world, by the life of the God-man, so it was mercy alone that prompted the *acceptance* of the ransom ; mercy as much shines forth from the Divine mind, and appeals to the listening world, when the Almighty looks upon His only begotten Son, and decides that He shall give His life