

est of all, the example of the Lord Jesus, your own blessed Redeemer.—You remember the first special temptations by the devil, which assailed Him ; and how, to each of them, He at once, and firmly said NO. Now Jesus is very particularly our Teacher, both by His law and by His life, and in these He shows us what we have to resist, and, then, how we are to overcome. Jesus fell back, for his defence, to get hold of “the sword of the spirit which is the word of God,” and with that He fought the tempter thus, “It is written.”

Because, “It is written,” He could not do what the devil asked and urged ; and He told him so. “It is written,” O! what a precious lesson Jesus gives, to go to the Bible for the rule of duty. “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ?” How shall he make his way in life clear, and correct, and comely ? The answer is, “By taking heed thereto according to thy word.” That was Jesus’ way, “It is written,” and that was reason enough why He should say NO. Yes, Jesus—even Jesus!—felt the necessity of being guided by the Bible, and how much more should you !

“Jesus, my all, to Heaven is gone ;