

that though his sins are forgiven him for His name's sake, yet there is still a heart prone to unbelief, and with evil passions and desires ready to start forth in an unguarded moment, which require his most stringent watchfulness and earnest effort to keep in subjection. Having a hatred of sin himself, and feeling that the HOLY ONE sees and knows those motions in the heart to sin, he feels an earnest desire that God would make in him an end of sin, root as well as branch, and he prays:

“The seed of sin's disease,
Spirit of health remove;
Spirit of finished holiness,
Spirit of perfect love.

Let us be careful not to confound these two phases of conviction, the first is conviction and repentance of actual sin; the second, a conviction that while sin is subdued in the heart, it is not destroyed *from* the heart. The first a fear of the wrath of God; the second a fear of sinning against God. The first arising from a feeling that we are the servants of sin, and that all our thoughts and works are displeasing to God; the second, arising from the difficulty we find in restraining anger, or malice, under provocation, pride in our own work, or power or possessions, when the pomp of the world is glittering before us. The first seeks to be delivered from the power and punishment of sin; the second from the drawings and suggestions of the heart to sin.

But how shall this be accomplished? This is what we have felt, this has been our affliction; and we have desired to be freed from it a long season. How shall we be delivered? Well, my brother, if one was to come and ask, “What shall I do to be saved,” would you not tell him to see to it that his repentance was sincere? “Will you give up all your sins”? And should he answer, “Are we saved by repentance?” you would say “No! ‘By grace are ye saved through faith,’ but that faith will not be given, nor that grace exercised toward unrepentant rebels, but to those only who give up all their rebellion, and with true repentance turn to God.” And should he say, “I will give up most willingly all my sins but one that I may be saved from this fear which hangs over me like a pall.” Would you not answer, “That must go too, or all your desires, your tears, your prayers, will be in vain.” If it requires an unreserved determination to give up all sin,