

tables of stone? If Christ were not God, why did He come at all, and why as a child? We knew our duty from the law, and we have no more power now to keep it perfectly than before Christ came. God's justice required a perfect sacrifice for sin, to do away with your many sacrifices and to reconcile us to himself,—to purify, to wash us from our sins. His coming as a man would have been quite useless, for we know that a person may be very moral without being at all religious. Christ does not say you must keep the law to the letter or you will never see the Lord; but it is said "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Now, our hearts tell us that of ourselves we cannot be holy; then there was need of a sacrifice, and that a holy one. The angels are not perfect, or Satan would not have fallen; hence the reason why Christ came. That it was a great mystery none can deny; but yet a humble, trusting Christian finds no difficulty in believing. To him it seems simple. It soothes all his sorrows and drives away all his cares. The feeling that his soul reposes in a Saviour's arms, and that in His holiness he shall appear before his God, is to him greater riches than all the glory and honor of the world.

*Pride*, the cause of the Devil's own fall, is his principal weapon, which he uses to draw souls from God. There are so many varieties of pride, or, rather, Satan tempts us by it in so many different ways, that we seldom know when it influences our actions. It is pride that tempts a Unitarian to call himself a Christian, when it would become him better to take some Jewish name, or, if he could, to join the Jewish Church. It would, I think, be more consistent, for at baptism the Christian has three privileges conferred upon him,—1st. He who was naturally estranged from Christ is made a member of Him,—that is, a member of that mystical body whereof Christ is the head. (Ephesians 2, 12.) 2nd. He who was naturally a child of wrath is now made