

revelation, is this. When a man looks upon Jesus Christ and realises what His love was, and what a difference that love has made in his relation to God, he realises that the very essence of sin is something which Paul calls "enmity against God"; it is personal self-assertion as against God : alienation from God. Sin, on whatever plane you deal with it, must at last be recognised as an affair between persons. It is the rupture of a personal relationship : and we are responsible for it.

II

Now, what is to be done with sin ? How should God deal with it ? The great fact that we have to remember in this connection is that we are dealing with the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that He could only do with it what love would do ; and love would forgive. One of the most difficult things in the world is to forgive. You know the process that goes on in you when you really forgive. When an offence has been committed against you there is immediately a reaction in yourself. If you are going to