

in going their own way, He suffers *men* to do the very things that are for the accomplishment of these purposes. This we see in the crucifixion of Christ. The Jews said, "*not on the feast day,*" etc.; but Christ our Passover, was to be sacrificed for us. It was at that very season when the feast was to be kept, and yet they meant nothing less. What a comfort it is to know that God thinks of us, and arranges all for us, though we fail to think of Him! There is not a day, not a moment, but God is thinking of us, and He is above all the plottings of Satan. He will take care of His people. Do they want food? He sends them manna. Guidance? there is the pillar going before them. Do they come to Jordan? there is the ark there. Have they enemies in the land? there is Joshua to overcome for them. He deals with them in the way of discipline when they need it, as He did with Jacob. He humbled him, but gave him the blessing in the end. What a thought this ought to give us of the love of God, when we thus see His activity in goodness to us all the way through! What comfort to know He is *for* us, out of the spring and principle of His own love! He brings His grace and righteousness together in the putting away of sin on the cross. We can never really know God till we know He is Love. God so loved the world that He sent His Son. The world did not ask God to send, and they did not ask Christ to come, but God loved them and *He* sent Him. What a comfort, I say again, to know God