

so? (2 Thess. i. 8-9; ii. 11-12); and what mean these words of our Lord, "How often *would* I have gathered you . . . but *ye would not*." When we look at this subject through the hazy mist of systematic divinity and begin to reason, we are involved in hopeless perplexity; but when we come to scripture like a little child—when we view the matter in the light of the divine presence, all becomes clear and simple.

Election is one of the precious family secrets to be unfolded in the bosom of the family, a spiritual landmark in the inheritance of the Israel of God; not a stumbling-block in the way of the anxious enquirer, or a plea in the mouth of the caviller.

I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

THERE are thousands of quickened souls who have not found in Christ a satisfying portion for their hearts. It is to such as these He sends the blessed message, "Come unto me and rest." Now, if a person has not rest, how can he or she be said to have really come to Jesus? Coming to Jesus is finding in Him a perfect covering for the eyes, and a satisfying portion for the heart. How very few, comparatively, even of God's dear children, know the deep blessedness of this. They are occupied with themselves, and reasoning on what they find there, instead of simply resting in Christ. The grand cure for a legal mind, a morbid conscience, and a self-occupied heart, is to have a full Christ before us. His work for the conscience; His person for the heart; His word for the path. May the reader know the reality and peace of these things.