

thankfulness to God. That thankfulness must be proved by *newness of life*. The mere expression of it, without a correspondent amendment, will be as unavailing as the tears of the sinner shed in mere sorrow for past offences, without any resolution to forsake sin in future. Consider this, I beseech you; and come before the *throne of Grace*, from which you have need of that which you cannot procure elsewhere; and without which, you cannot stand acquitted before Him who is *of purer eyes than to behold iniquity*. Seek then the pardon of your past errors, by earnest repentance; by a firm resolution to forsake your sins, and to lead a new life, "following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways;" and then, through the blood of our blessed Redeemer shed for this special purpose, and through the grace which will be imparted from the Mercy Seat of God, you will obtain pardon for past transgression, and strength to *go on your way rejoicing*, cheered by sure and certain hope here, of everlasting peace and glory hereafter.