

benefit of redemption from this bondage will the most carefully and studiously copy the example of his Redeemer. Much disputing has arisen about faith and good works: they are not and cannot be separate. Perplexities and strifes of words, men who wish to darken counsel, will of course introduce; but the principle on which our Lord declares He will decide at the day of Judgment seems, to my mind, to remove every difficulty. You cannot really believe on the Lord without loving Him for what He has done for your soul. You cannot love Christ without serving Him: poor that service is—astonished they are who are saved, to hear it estimated so highly: “Lord, when saw we *Thee* an hungry and fed *Thee*,” &c. But they did love—they did serve Him; and He is not ashamed to acknowledge and reward it. My dear brethren, let me beseech you to reflect calmly on this scene of final trial. See the value, the importance of living unto Jesus. Oh then try, labour to serve Him: contemplate day by day His claims on your obedience. Pray “Lord increase our faith—increase our love”; for as these increase, you will increase in practical holiness;—because you will labour to be conformed to the image of God’s dear Son. You will try to please him; and you will daily, through His holy Spirit, find that He helps you, till the fruit of a sound faith is seen, and not the mere signs of an empty barren profession.

Lastly. How does our Lord’s answer to James and John, compared with His announcement of the principle of Judgment at the great day, coincide with the hopes formed of a death-bed repentance? If the principle of “faith working by love to Christ,” and leading to Christian holiness—if this be the test on which all depends,