

we are in our efforts to fulfil all righteousness, the more clearly do we discern how far we fall short. We feel our inability to meet all legal requirements, condemnation hangs over us, and we can see no way of escape. Looking at his case in the light of law, Paul felt himself wretched and dead. No relief, then, can be found here. Where, then, shall we look? I answer:—to Jesus, the Saviour.

It is Jesus, only, who meets the wants of sin-stricken humanity. He comes from the bosom of Infinite Love and places himself in close and sympathetic relation with our race. His language is—"Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." All man's unrest and misery spring, as I have already said, from sin—from a vitiated state of mind and heart. Through this, he stands alienated from God and is placed at variance with him. The work of Jesus, as Saviour, is to act upon the mind and heart, to remove the vitiating element which is the cause of alienation and variance, and reconcile the creature and the Creator. He stands Mediator between the two parties. His covenant is a new one. The malady is of a moral and spiritual kind, and salvation from it is to be accomplished by moral and spiritual means.

Jesus brings us a new revelation of the character of God. No longer is he known only as a distant and indistinct sovereign, as in nature. No longer is he enveloped in the smoke and cloud of Sinai, as in the Jewish dispensation. His glory now shines in the face of Jesus Christ. He, the only begotten Son, in close confidence with the Father—he hath declared him as he was never declared before. Through Jesus, we see the Almighty condescending to enter into visible contact with our race. And this for the purpose of saving it. For the Infinite God himself is our Saviour primarily. The method of salvation originated in God's love. Jesus was the visible Saviour to the race, for he was the visible representative of the invisible Jehovah, and his Messenger in the great work of gospel mercy. The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. And so truly did the Son reveal the character of the Father, that whosoever saw the Son saw the Father—that is, they saw all of the Father that they could see. The infinite and invisible God, in himself too vast for human comprehension, was brought close to the hearts and apprehension of men, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself. Through Jesus he sought to touch the living springs of affection in man, and draw his sinful