

have said to the serpent, "I have the fullest confidence in God's goodness, and therefore I deem it impossible that He could withhold any real good from me. "Get thee behind me Satan." But this was not given. Her confidence in truth and love gave way and all was lost, and so we find that there is just as little place in the heart of fallen man for God's love, as there is for God's truth.

Now it is deeply interesting to turn from Satan's lie in reference to the truth and love of God, to the mission of the Lord Jesus Christ, who came from the bosom of the Father in order to reveal what He really is. "Grace and truth"—the very things which man lost in the fall—"came by Jesus Christ. (John i, 17.) "He was the faithful witness of what God was. (Rev. i, 5.) Truth reveals God as He is, but this truth is connected with the revelation of perfect grace; and thus the sinner finds to his unspeakable joy, that the revelation of what God is, instead of becoming his destruction becomes the basis of his eternal salvation. "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." (John xvii, 3.) I cannot know God and not have life. The loss of the knowledge of God was death; but the knowledge of God is life. Let me arrive at what amount of self-