

heart of God? Let the judgment of God search Him in the most minute way (the skin removed and "cut into his pieces" ver. 6) there was nothing but perfection to be found, and all was for God, and rose up a sweet savour ("burn" in ver. 9) to Him. The words, "of His own voluntary will" in ver. 3, should be "for His acceptance." In the next verse we have: "And He shall put His hand upon the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for Him, etc." We have seen (pp. 44 and 97), that putting the hand on the head of the animal was expressive of identification. But how different the identification now; as to the sin offering, faith can look at the cross and say, "That's me—He measured my distance from God and bore all the consequences—but God has raised from the dead the One who hung on Calvary's cross and given Him glory, that our faith and hope might be in God (1 Pet. i.), so faith can look right up to where Christ is now and say, "He who once measured my distance from God is now the measure of my acceptance and of my nearness, for: "as He is so are we in this world" (1 John iv. 17); and we are "accepted in the beloved" (Ephes. i. 6). The reader will notice that it does not say, "accepted in Christ." No question but it means Christ. But, dear fellow-believer, God would show you and me not only how *near* we are, but how *dear* we are, to Him. So further on the same epistle, it says: "Be ye followers (or rather 'imitators') of God as *dear* children. How the