

and will restore them their lost privileges and the friendship of God. His precious blood will blot out their sins from the book of God's recollection, and the tide of His infinite mercies will rise above their wickedest transgressions and drown them in eternal oblivion.

It would be too tedious to dwell on other instances of our Saviour's mercy to sinners as related in the Gospel, such as the forgiveness of Magdalen and of the woman taken in adultery. We may well say with St. John, that if all that our Lord said and did and suffered for the salvation of sinners were written, the world itself would not be able to contain the books that should be written. (John 21, xxv). We shall only call attention to the last dread scene on Calvary. We know that our Saviour is there offered up as a victim for our sins. "The Lord, said the prophet, hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all. He was wounded for our iniquities and bruised for our sins; the chastisement of our peace was