

"In that you make a great mistake, because you do not understand the scriptures," I said. "The Lord Jesus addressed those words to the scribes and Pharisees, who, in their hatred against Him, attributed to the prince of the devils the miracles which He wrought. That is what we read in the gospel of Mark. See the third chapter."

"Yes, but it is said there is no place of repentance for him who has sinned *presumptuously*, and many times I have done so, once even after taking the sacrament, although I knew it was sin. I have sinned against the light which I had, against the knowledge of the truth; I have crucified the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame, as it is said in the epistle to the Hebrews."

"It is quite possible that you have done so, but the word of God says: 'The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.'"

"I know it, I know it; but that word is not for me who has trodden under foot the blood of Christ."

"You may have done that and more, but now God wishes you to believe His word. He says: 'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son purifies from *all* sin.' What God says, He says seriously."

"I know that God speaks seriously, and that is why there is neither pardon nor hope for me, for He says: "It shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.'"