

"hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." By the light of the natural faculty it was seen that Jesus was a prophet; but it was only a revelation that could show the whole truth. I believe that the same thing applies to sin. In the light of the natural faculty we may see ourselves to be utter moral failures, and morally insolvent; but it requires the light of revelation for us to see ourselves to be sinners. We may by our own faculties know that we have come short of our duty; but it is in the light of the Holy Spirit that we understand that we have come short of the glory of God. The real difference that the revelation of sin makes to us is just this: when a man finds that he is a moral failure (I speak with some knowledge, because in all this I am simply telling my own story), he does not find it difficult to forgive himself. The real trouble in the moral life of so many of us to-day is that we find it so easy to forgive ourselves. But when once a man has, in the light of the Spirit of God, seen the true character of his sin, he knows that the only hope for him is to be forgiven by God. The essence of sin, as it appears in that