

Though He pleaded with the tear in His eye, and in great agony of heart, He confesses no sin, asks no pardon, acknowledges no fault, pleads guilty of no wrong. Even when forsaken by His Father, and the shadows come over His soul, He knows the cause was not in Him. All other men have had to acknowledge their transgressions, and the holier they became the sense of their own unworthiness grew the deeper. The nearer they came to the Sun of Righteousness, and caught the glory of His beams, the stains upon their own heart became the more clearly seen and felt. But when Jesus prayed He proclaimed His righteousness. "I do always the things that please thee; I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work thou gavest me to do; it is eternal life to know thee, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Our prayers must be made up largely of confessions and pleas for forgiveness. Our religious life must begin in repentance and sorrow for sin. Our very songs of praise must be largely mixed up with our *misereres*. But no sign of penitence or confession ever came from His lips, nor does He ever prune away any extravagances as He passes from youth to manhood, as all other men are compelled to do. Again, though He often prayed *for* other men, He never once prayed *with* them as one among many, but always as one who lived apart and alone; nor did He ever in His deepest straits ask the prayers of others. He was in a sanctuary where none might enter but Himself alone with God. His challenge, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" is still unanswered to this day. "Father, glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee."

(6) His claims are such as no mere man could make, but only one who was Jehovah's fellow. He claimed to be equal with God. "I and my Father are one." He was God's Son in a sense peculiar to Himself, and He claimed the power to forgive sins and to work with His Father in upholding the world. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." He claimed to have lived long before Abraham, and to be the Son of God who had come down from heaven, and that He was soon going back to share the glory which He had before. To Moses, one day, He opened the door, and came out and said, "I am. I am that I am." But when He came down to the earth in the fullness of the times to make things plainer, He filled up the seeming blank. "I am