

appropriately called the "spirit of Christ;" and is everywhere operating, according to this promise of the Saviour;—"When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment." All this He does, by enlightening the understanding, and operating on the conscience, chiefly through the application of the inspired word, which is called "the sword of the spirit." All who are brought under the hearing of that word, are more or less frequently, and in various degrees, aroused and awakened under those divine operations. They should, therefore, *immediately* and *earnestly* yield deep attention to those divinely warning monitions, and seek by fervent prayer, to have that awakening increased; and diligently and perseveringly follow all the Scriptural directions to penitent seekers of salvation, mentioned in former pages of this discourse, namely:—Constant supplications to the throne of grace,—reading and meditating on the sacred Scriptures;—attending on their public ministrations, and other religious means and ordinances;—and abandoning all sinful ways, associations and companions. They must also engage and persevere in the performance of all divinely commanded duties, doing good in every mode, as occasion offers; while solely relying on the atoning sufferings and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, for pardon and acceptance, and grace for present and eternal salvation, confidently resting on the numerous divine promises, and believing that for His sake, every requisite support, consolation, and other blessing, will be appropriately and liberally bestowed. Steadfastly and zealously pursuing such a course,—plainly prescribed in Scripture,—they cannot possibly fail to secure all these inestimable gifts and mercies, for the Lord has declared;—"Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your hearts;"—"Every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth;"—"I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more." Let every seeking soul, then, be encouraged diligently to persevere in striving to secure the "durable riches and righteousness" of the "great salvation," ever remembering that "He is faithful who has promised."

But unhappily there are some, and it may be feared, even many, who say:—"If I am to be saved, the Lord will call me at his own