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by Christ, that they should contain aught inconsistent, or at variance, with His own manifestation of God in the flesh, with the image and idea which His whole life and teaching have given us of God—of God in His attitude toward, and His relations with men—with the Father, "*our Father*," the righteous Father, whom He has declared to us ; nothing inconsistent, or at variance, with this, must we venture to draw from them, unless we would deny the Lord. Should it seem to be there, we must shrink from and decline to accept it, even though unable to perceive for the time any other adequate explanation ; concluding, either that our vision is jaundiced by previous false traditions and influences, or that we have not a correct report of the great Teacher's expressions, and content to wait patiently for further light ; determined anyhow, not to admit profanely a contradiction of the God displayed in Christ, for the sake of bowing to the *apparent* sentiment of an obscure verse, and positive anyhow, that the contradiction could not have been delivered by Him ; exemplifying thus, a real and reverent allegiance to the Almighty Father, after the manner of a faithful and loyal son, who, on meeting, in the course