

amine were uttered by Jesus. The unbelieving Jews whom he was addressing were in a bad state of mind; they murmured at him because he said he was the bread of God which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world. They more than murmured; their hearts were full of hate and malignity; and it was when in this state of mind that Jesus said "murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him." The Jews could not tolerate the idea that the man of Nazareth was greater than Moses, but this did not deter Jesus from telling them very plainly that he was the Son of God, equal with God, and one with the Father.

But we wish you to observe that the words which we are now about to examine were not only uttered by Jesus he *speaks about himself*. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." Here you perceive he speaks of himself three different times. No man can come to me: to me, as the source of life; to me as the bread of life; to me as the bestower of life; to me as the Saviour; to me as the promised, the expected Messiah; to me as the predicted deliverer; except the Father which hath sent me draw him. The Father sent Jesus to seek and save the lost, and to bring life and immortality to light. He came to destroy death and him that had its power, to destroy the works of the devil, and rob the grave of its gloom. The Father sent Jesus to be a perfect, a complete Saviour; and being raised from the dead, and put in possession of all power in heaven and on earth, he is able to save to the very uttermost all that come unto God by him. I will raise him that cometh unto me up at the last day. I am the resurrection and the life; I have become the plague of the grave; I have power both to raise the body and to ransom the soul.

But we wish you now particularly to observe that *Jesus here speaks about his Divine Father*, as well as about himself. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God; every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me."

This passage has been variously expounded, and we believe that multitudes have entirely misunderstood its true meaning, and wrested it, as they do many other portions of scripture, to their own destruction. It has been quoted to prove the doctrine of God's