

dishonouring God, ruining your everlasting interests, and subjecting ourselves to the fearful sentence, "their blood will I require at your hands."*

It is a matter of peculiar joy, however, to reflect, that while there are demands and threatenings, which cannot be omitted or softened, out of respect for man, there are promises, "exceeding great and precious promises," which must not be obscured or withheld, from any mistrust of God. The Gospel must be proclaimed, with *all its transcendent privileges*. Is it a privilege, brethren, to have our sins forgiven? "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God."† Is it a privilege to hold communion with our Maker and Redeemer? "Our fellowship is with the father and with his son Jesus Christ."‡ Is it a privilege to have God's spirit dwelling in us? "Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost"|| Is it a privilege to have adequate assistance for the discharge of our duty? "My grace," says the Redeemer, "is sufficient for you."§ Is it a privilege to have constant access to God in prayer, to know that our petitions shall be answered? "We may come with boldness to the throne of grace," and "this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask any thing according to His will he heareth us."¶ Or, lastly, is it a privilege to look beyond the precincts of the tomb, to lift up our eyes above the polluted scenes of this world, to those everlasting Hills where the God of glory reigns, and the innumerable company of bright and blessed spirits exult under the light of his countenance? "we are begotten again to a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance incorruptible, unde-

* Ezek. xxxiii. 3. † Rom. v. i. ‡ 1 John i. 3. || 1 Cor. iii. 16. § 2 Cor. xii. 9. ¶ 1 John v. 14.