

## THE SAVIOUR'S APPEAL.

“DOST thou believe on the Son of God?”

How direct, how pointed, how personal is the Lord's appeal to the heart in these words. Not, do we, or they, but dost thou? The answer too, must be direct and personal. A Yes, or a No. Hesitation, indecision, silence, means *no*, so far at least as man is concerned. “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Rom. x). The *righteousness* which is by faith of Jesus Christ is for God; the *confession* of the mouth is for man. Christ is preached for the simplest to believe on Him with the heart, and to confess Him with the mouth. “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Here confession is put first; not because it is the more important, for without the heart it would be good for nothing, but because it leads both angels and men to celebrate the praise of Jesus.

Again, dear reader, we would press this deeply solemn question, “Dost thou,” for thyself, of thyself, “believe on the Son of God?” Thy eternal interests—the joys of heaven, or the miseries of hell, hang on thy *yes* or *no*. Thou must answer for thyself, and answer to the Saviour. Surely there is wondrous love in this appeal. The blessed Jesus, as it were,