

## SINS COVERED.

WHAT folly sinner for you to attempt to cover your sins, scripture says "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." (Prov. xxviii, 13). How is it possible to truly cover them, seeing that "all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do"? and "who can forgive sins but God alone"? God only can cover; because against Him and Him only, have we sinned, and done evil in His sight. Hence the preciousness of that word from God. "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins *are covered*." (Rom. iv, 7). How forcibly it speaks as to *who* is the Coverer! even He who can say of every one that believeth in Jesus, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." And again, "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." What a *Coverer*—the blessed God! What a *covering*—the precious blood of Christ.

God never holds the guilty for innocent, it is contrary to His nature. It would not be the truth; He may put away sin, and receive the cleansed sinner; but He cannot act as if it did not exist when it does, nor be indifferent to it while He remains Himself. He may for good chastise, and to shew His government (that is, deal with sin in this respect); or He may have it entirely put away and blotted out, according to the exigencies of His own nature and glory, which is salvation for us; and both are true. But He cannot leave it anywhere as not existing or indifferent.