

be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." And in saying this, and more by doing this, Jesus fixed for ever the true philosophy of human life. No less than He revealed God did He reveal man in the Cross ; and it follows that, since God and man were revealed in the same act, the deepest truth of the heart of God is to become the deepest truth of the life of man. It has been said that the Cross is "the ground plan of the Universe." At least it tells us that sacrifice is the deepest principle of the life of God and the ultimate law of the life of man. The Cross rules out entirely a self-regarding ethic. It proclaims plainly that the way of a man is the way of willing and loving obedience.

Thus it was that God intervened redemptively in the affairs of mankind. The Cross is the centre of that intervention, the point at which the redeeming love of God impinged in all its power upon history ; and the intervention was redemptive because, first of all, it declared that man was freely reconciled to God and forgiven ; and then it sent forth man, forgiven and redeemed, upon an