

it away is the opposite of making allowance for it ; but it is the non-imputation of it. .

Ver. 23, "Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, . . . according to this time it shall be said, What hath God wrought !" If a soul only sees what *he* has wrought, he stays away from God ; but if he sees what God has wrought, he is happy with Him. You can never know how to pronounce judgment upon yourself, without getting into His presence. It must be all uncertainty until you know what God says. You will have Jesus on one side, and hopes on the other ; light on one hand, and clouds on the other. It is in knowing our position in the second Adam, as risen before God, that we have peace and joy and confidence.

CHAPTER XXIV.—The attempt of the enemy did not cause God to reiterate the same blessing merely, but drew out His activity, as it were, to bring out all the riches of His blessings. He carries out His own purposes according to His own will and thoughts.

We have seen, first, how God claimed them as His own people ; secondly, that they were completely justified by God. "He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness in Israel."

God met Balaam, and he found there was no possibility of succeeding against God. Instead, therefore, of going, as at other times, to seek for