

in Christ is the grand motive to constrain the Christian to present himself a living sacrifice to the God of love and salvation.

Christian, consecrate yourself to God, and let your prayer be, bind the sacrifice with cords, the cords of love, even to the horns of the altar. Consider that you are not your own, that you are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ. And let the love of God, displayed in that priceless ransom, constrain you to serve God, and live to God. It is blessed thus to live. Seek to enjoy continually the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and you will be pure within; and without, your conduct will be worthy of the Gospel which ye believe, and by the faith of which ye are saved. Thus will your life be "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God." A.

SONSHIP.

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"Behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." 1 JOHN, iii, 1.

We sometimes see very striking contrasts presented in history and also within our experience between the former low and mean condition of individuals and the dignity and honor to which they have subsequently been raised. There was a great difference in the external condition of Moses—between his condition as a poor outcast child of a Hebrew woman and his residence at the court of Pharaoh, and subsequently his high mission from God in conducting the children of Israel out of the land of their bondage through the wilderness. There was a vast difference between Joseph as a youth sold into slavery and lying in his dungeon in Egypt, and his exaltation to princely power and honor next to the king. There was a striking contrast between David's life as he kept his father's flocks, and his reigning king of God's peculiar people.

There was a great difference between Christ as the man of sorrows, and crowned with glory—crowned with thorns, and crowned with supreme power. But O sinner poor, miserable, blind and naked sinner—thou that art filling thy belly with the husks that the swine do eat—come near and behold and see what will be done to thee, the honor and glory of thy state and character which God is willing to bestow on thee if thou wilt. The Lord is able and willing to lift thee from the dunghill and set thee with princes.