

in perfect love. The obedience of the One who bore my sins is mine. I am declared righteous through the righteousness of Another. My heart is free : I can deal with God about my sin, because He has dealt with Christ on the cross about it. I can go to Him in all my sorrow on account of it. I can confess my sin : yea, more, I can say, "Search me, O God, and try me . . . and see if there be any wicked way in me," etc. (Ps. cxxxix. 23, 24.) Through grace I can take the place before God which Christ takes, and the ground for me is the atonement.

We find divine utterance in the Psalms for all our sorrows, and it is blessed to look at them in this way. Christ entered into the full effects of sin, as none other can, in a way we never shall ; and, when He had been at the "horns of the unicorn"—the very transit of death, as it were—and had settled every question with God about sin, He could then say, "I will declare Thy name unto My brethren ; in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee" (Ps. xxii. 21, 22). We shall never lose Him as our companion : what a comfort ! We shall follow Him to the glory. I am going to be with Him : His presence will be my delight ! What a place the saints are brought to in Christ—all sorrow passed !

We get in Psalm xvi. expressions of the Lord's own proper joy—the joy of Him whom God called His "fellow" (Zech. xiii. 7). Peter on the mount of transfiguration would have put Him on a level