

atonement for so much sin of his own or another's, but because self-denial and separation from the world is an appointed way of drawing near to God, and renouncing every thing that is against Him.

All remission of sin must be through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ; no other can put it away. Yet is this forgiveness brought home to us by sundry means, and we cannot have it if we will not do what he has put in the way toward obtaining it. Sin is not forgiven while we abide in it, and even when we do repent of a sin or of a sinful course, we do not always repent of it so wholly but that something of it still hangs about us, for which we have still to answer before God, and which hinders the fulness of His grace from being shed abroad in our hearts, and sometimes calls for sharp correction at His hands.

Now the business of this season is not only to examine whether there be any such thing within us, but also to put out of the way such things as are hindrances to our finding it out, and to make actual trial of ourselves, for the sake of exercise, in some points in which sin is not unlikely to have a hold of us, besides humbling ourselves before God for all our past shortcomings and misdoings.

It is well to keep in view the search after our own faults, because a fault is not cured in a day, and because if there are any great faults