

His Son into it, till all be transformed into good, and there shall be no more evil. All things was and is made by God, and are good in the beginning. He has ever taught and has ever shown himself to be the author of all good. I dare not censure my Heavenly Father, or characterize Him with having a hand, lot, or part in anything of an opposite nature. If man finds this his condition, an alienation from the unchanging love of the Father, he has produced it within himself. And when we come to realize this lost state, we find it necessary to apply our own individual effort, and work together with omnipotent power in order that we may be reinstated in divine favor and restored to the condition of innocence and purity that we have a reason to believe we enjoyed in the beginning. But we are left with unrestrained freedom to choose whether or not we will live up to the light as it is invariably revealed upon each individual soul by the inspiration of the Father's Spirit. The laws that should guide our life and actions are written upon each individual soul by the finger of the Lord, and He writes them there in such indelible characters that we cannot erase them, but our consciences may become calloused, may become seared by the sins both of omission and of commission, that we fail to be aroused sometimes by the inspoken word, we may remember the day when it was better with us, but there are times when we ascend the mountain of reflection, when we sit down in quiet recollection, that we are accompanied by a desire to return to a former experience, to return home, as it were, and be reinstated in the Father's favor, and if we are obedient to this Heavenly Messenger, to this Son of God' begotten in our souls, and are willing to say: "Be it unto me according to Thy word," we will experience God's ways to be as miraculous as in the days of Jesus; that is, to the human understanding, and we will be a living witness of His mercies, and an ever increasing marvel to our-

selves, we will come to realize a state and condition that we scarcely expected to attain, and be, as it were, a monument of His living mercies before our fellow-men and before God. I do not say it in any boastful manner, but I speak of what I have tasted, of what I have experienced in my own soul, and I can testify to the all-sufficiency of Divine Power and Truth. God hides these things from the wise and prudent in this world's affairs and reveals them unto babes; and again, to illustrate the humble instruments He chooses to serve Him and to minister to the wants of the people, the occasion comes to my mind when Jesus was constrained to feed the multitude by the sea there was found a lad in the gathering that had five barley loaves and two fishes. We see how simple the instruments are that may be anointed by Divine Authority to perform services that may be approved and acceptable to the Heavenly Father. There is no other power that can make them acceptable but this Holy Anointing that comes down from Heaven like a dove; that is, dove-like in its nature, having the dove-like qualities of purity, cleanliness, innocence, love and gentleness. The grace of God, that bringeth these things, hath appeared alike unto all men, "teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." There is no higher authority that we can have access to. It is the all-sufficient Guide that will lead us into all truth, "For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"—the Son of God. Now, let us separate these terms: Jesus has reference to the outward man, and means no more in connection with Christ than James, or Mary, or John. If we take Christ and apply it to these in that day or in this day, will it not produce the same effect as it did in Jesus? We are all children of the same divine Father, and have the same divine Law-giver in our souls.