

## OBEDIENCE AND MANIFESTATION.

John xiv. 18-28.

NOTES OF AN ADDRESS:

It is striking here the way you get the settled knowledge of our place and position, and yet the ways of God with us are put conditionally on our love to Him. I get known life and perfect peace—“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you.” He also says, “He that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.” That is not, “We love Him because He first loved us”—the work of grace; but here it is, “If a man love Me, My Father will love him.” It is dealing with children; not a question of whether they are *children*, but *obedient* children; the Father’s love dealing with His child, and chastening it if need be. A parent does not scourge his child when it is doing well, nor is he pleased with it when it is doing ill. We are under this fatherly government of God which depends on the conduct of the child. Jesus has committed us to Him. He said, “Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me” (John xvii. 11). He keeps us as Father; but as “holy,” He must have a walk that suits Him. We know we are in Christ, and Christ in us; then we ought to be manifesting Him in everything, and reckoning ourselves dead. We are in Him in the power of life before God, and at peace with the peace He gives and which He made