

know." Like a vessel which has been tossed by the storm, and at last feels its anchor holding, is the soul, which, amid abounding unbelief, rests upon a declaration of God, and feels that the foundation is sure.

But who knows what it is to be "like Him?" Adam knew, but we do not. "No man hath seen God at any time," and faith cannot tell us. Moreover we know nothing of the mode in which a spirit exists apart from the body. And even did we know that, our most powerful imagining will tell us little of what it is to be like the glorified One.

We may, however, approximate to the idea here set forth, by considering in what respect we are unlike God; and remembering that the likeness of God was stamped upon the first of our race, we will easily perceive that the essential point of unlikeness is the presence of sin in the believer's heart. "We shall be like Him." Sin and all the evils of which it is the parent, are to be removed. We shall know good as God knows it,—as filling the heart with all its affections and motives. We shall know no temptation, for there shall be there nothing that "defileth or maketh a lie." We shall know sin, too, as God knows it,—knowing as we can never know here, its fearful consequences—