

THE CONSCIENCE IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S PRESENCE.

The knowledge of our proper relationship with our gracious God, as Father, and of our calling and standing in the Lord Jesus Christ,—the Son of Man at God's right-hand,—necessarily goes far beyond all questions of conscience and exercises of soul in the children of God. Yet because of this, and in order to the full blessing—"fellowship with the Father and with His son Jesus Christ"—the conscience of the believer must be in the light; all that is individual judged *there—alone with God*. For there is no such thing as *corporate* conscience. May it not be said that the Lord's great purpose, in all His dealings in grace, is to bring the souls of His children—the individual soul—into fellowship with himself? Does not John so present it? (1 John i. 1-7.)

There seems to be a special need at this hour to speak as to conscience being in His Presence, so that all might be judged according to God. It was always so surely. But this present is a solemn moment. Christendom, spurious, and apostate Christianity enlarges—Satan is working mischief as an angel of light; flesh or man's nature is active; combinations between the true people of God and mere professors are weakening the former and nullifying their testimony—the mass indeed are sunk down to the level of the earth, alas! Of those who are in some measure