

What never-ending joy to know that the Son of God is come! Satan works, it is true, but "*ye are of God.*" (This settles the whole thing.) No longer of the old creation, living and acting according to the life of the first Adam; but in the power of the new nature, that we derive from God. This is a most blessed truth, "*Ye are of God,*" of Him whose nature is divine. And this divine nature cannot be met but by Himself. Christ has washed us from our sins in His own most precious blood. He has baptized us from above with the Holy Ghost, and sealed us with the Spirit of promise. "*He who has wrought us for the selfsame thing, is God.*" He has given us a power that is greater than Satan's power. "*Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.*" "*Ye are of God.*" I am brought to God. I am born of God. I rest in God. I learn to know God, because I have got the nature that can know Him, just as I could only know what man is by having his nature.

I do not know all about God, that is true; but I have no uncertainty. Suppose I have a friend, I may not know all about him; but he is my friend, and I rejoice in him as such. I have no questionings as to his affections because I do not know all about him. Well, *God is my friend*, and I have a blessed rest in knowing Him as my friend. If God is my friend, what more can I need? What can be more blessed? To know God, I must have His nature. I cannot learn the nature of what I am not a partaker of. I do not know angels. I am not a partaker of the nature of angels.