

if what is sought for is obtained it perishes in the using. The motive which influenced St. Paul was, "The love of Christ constraineth us."—*The love of Christ*: with that principle burning within him he pressed forward; that motive sufficed to cause the apostles to go from the presence of the Council rejoicing that they "were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name's sake;" that motive caused St. Paul joyfully to suffer the loss of all things, and counted them but dung and dross, that he might win Christ;" and that is the glorious motive by which we profess to be actuated—the love of Christ. Hath He redeemed us, called us with a holy calling, made us His ambassadors, given us of His Spirit? How can we then but tell of His goodness; how can we but seek that others may be partakers of His Grace, and proclaim that "faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners?" And there is Hope! The charge is, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand, for thou knowest not which shall prosper this or that, or whether both shall prosper alike." When it shall prosper is not told us; but that it shall prosper. We may sow and others reap; or we may sow and not know of the blessed fruits until eternity shall reveal them; or we may see the pleasure of the Lord prosper in our hand; but if with the spirit of the apostle we go forth, there is a hope set before us of which we shall never be disappointed; and there is more than hope—a reward great and glorious is promised. "Henceforth," said St. Paul, "is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which God the Righteous Judge shall give me in that day, and not to me only, but also to all men that love His appearing." Observe, it was not in this world that the saints of old looked for their full reward—their rest; and when tempted to be discouraged, we must bear in mind that when we cannot do all we would, there is a matter for cheering consideration in the gracious acceptance of David's intended service: "Thou didst well that it was in thine heart." The