

WHEREVER WE MAY BE, THERE GOD WILL MEET US. Sweetest truth in Scripture! We may be trying to disentangle a mass of threads in the tangled web of life, we had better give it up to a hand that can pick out the knots and make all smooth and plain for us. If we want more than the knowledge of redemption as to *place* and *path*, then the blessed Lord Jesus will come and appear on purpose to meet *this*, because He lives to set His people's hearts at peace. Are any of us like Thomas? *What shall we do?* Let the Saviour take the matter in hand. "*Do Thou* for me, O God the Lord, for Thy name's sake: because Thy mercy is good, deliver *Thou* me." Psalm cix. 21. He will come and offer joy to us *our own way*, and then will we be constrained to say, "Lord, we would rather have it *Thy way*," and He will give it to us to the full. "*Satisfied with favor, full with the blessing of the Lord.*"

The *gospel* of John ends with the twentieth chapter. But just as we put a postscript at the bottom of a letter, God has put a postscript here. There are twenty chapters for poor sinners, and one following in case His children might need it. Twenty chapters to make us acquainted with the blessed "*Saviour of the lost.*" We might think that we did not need anything else, but we do—we need the "*Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.*" We need Him to restore us if we go astray, and we need Him to pick us up if we fall. Such is our Lord Jesus in John xxi. Chap. xx., 31, tells us the *Divine object* of the gospel of John. "These are written that ye might *believe* that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have *life* through His name." Is there anyone that is not sure that he *knows* the Son of God? let him read these twenty chapters. Beloved friends, why should we be without this knowledge, when it is there for us? This gospel is, so to speak, God's *letter of introduction* to His Son. In 1 John v., 13, we read, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; *that ye may know that ye have eternal life*." Thus twenty chapters were written that I might *know* my Saviour, and five (1 John) that I *may know* what I have in Him. Like the servant who introduces you after you have rung the door-bell, leaves you to the master of the house, so this gospel ushers you into the presence of our Lord, and leaves you with Him, to enjoy *Himself*." "*After these things,*" (John xxi., 1.)—after *peace*, after *power*, after *assurance*.—one more look at Christ, one more sight of "our Lord and Saviour." What is this,—"*after these things Jesus shewed*