

And when Satan's power is extended to Job's person,—his "life" only being reserved,—the malice of hell is again baffled by mortal frailty, and, though Job breaks out into impatient complaints, and "speaks unadvisedly with his lips," yet in spite of so dark and mysterious a dispensation to one entirely conscious of his own integrity, he proves faithful to the end: when family, and estate, and honour are gone, he is still a man "fearing God;" and, while complaining "my skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat," he rises superior to the depression of his own misery, and to all despair of God's justice, and exclaims triumphantly "I know that my Redeemer liveth!"

Thus was the loving Lord justified, and "the Accuser of the brethren cast down."

My brethren, I desire, with the aid of the Good Spirit, to dissuade you, in this sermon, from *the Devil's principle in worshipping God,—self-seeking*. Yes! *be shocked*—shocked as much as you can at my implied charge; you cannot be shocked too much at such a really shocking principle as worshipping God for self, which, to the shame and grief of Christians, has the proofs of its prevalence scattered all around. Remember, the Devil's principle is, that *in worshipping God, we are to seek our own good*. God's principle, as plainly implied in His answers to Satan, is, that *we are to seek His honour*.

Now, which is our settled principle?

Let me endeavour to help your choice of this latter, by shewing you convincingly that it *is* God's principle. (1). God, the Eternal, Who existed when none else did, *must* be to Himself His own End, from the necessity of His Nature, in all He does. Creation itself is for His praise.