

## SIN PARDONED BY JESUS CHRIST.

How encouraging are the invitations in the bible to come to Jesus and be saved! We read of some who came, who doubted His willingness, but believed in His power; of another who doubted His power, but reposed in His willingness. We read of some who asked earnestly, and of others who never uttered a word, but only touched the hem of His garment. We read of the bruised reed, the smoking flax, the little faith, and the strong. Yet all had their need supplied, none were sent away. And what do all these varied and expressive figures teach us? Just this,—that it was not the way in which they came that was of any moment; it was that they came, and they came to Jesus. Their believing was not what it ought to have been; their asking was not what it ought to have been; all was faulty, yet Jesus sent none away.

Yet how often do we hear people say, "I am afraid I have not come, or believed, or asked, as I ought!" This is quite true, and all is faulty; but it is not your coming rightly, or believing rightly, or asking rightly, that saves you. It is Jesus—Jesus only. You are making a saviour of these instead of Christ. The Lord says, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." Look not at these, but at Christ, and believe. "Only believe."

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