

God to provide Himself a Lamb, by the shedding of whose blood the conscience of those admitted into the holy presence of God is effectually purged.

Can you say paradise is lost, and disobedience and sin are here, and yet I shall force my way back to God? What hope can those have who are not washed in the blood, taking a worse ground than that which excluded them from paradise (with this accumulated sin upon them), treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath, and despising that blood which cleanses from all sin, counting it an unholy thing? He who seeks God's holiness and passes by Jesus, going to God in his sins, passes by the blood, rejects the testimony of God, and despises Jesus.

How often you have resisted God's holy Spirit, how many motives to goodness you have disregarded, how many particular blessings you have sinned against, how many good resolutions you have broken, how many checks and admonitions of conscience you have stifled, you very well know; but how often this has been the case of other sinners you know not. And therefore the greatest sinner that you know must be yourself.

JESUS.

“Just as I am without one plea,
 Eager from sin and death to flee,
 Seeking no man, no God save Thee,
 Unto Thy blood to shelter me,
 Saviour I come; and I am free.”

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