

"Well," I said, "let us examine a little further together the portion of scripture we have just read. You are a poor guilty sinner, are you not?"

"Ah yes," she said sobbing.

"And as such you would not venture to approach God in self-confidence?"

"No, certainly not."

"The man in question in what we have read, brought an offering, let us suppose that it was a lamb, you will surely remember that it is written, 'Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world?'"

"Yes; John says that of the Lord."

"Very well. When then the Israelite had brought his lamb he placed his hand upon the head of the animal. What does that signify. It is as though he had said: O God, I am a poor miserable sinner; but I bring Thee this pure and innocent lamb, in order that it may be my substitute. I pray Thee accept it in my stead! Can you not also say at this moment, my dear Sophia: 'O God, I am a poor sinner; But I pray Thee accept in my place thy Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ?'"

"Yes I can; that is exactly what I need."

"Without doubt. But listen now to what God says here;" and in so saying I pointed with my finger to the words I had read. "And it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him."

She regarded me with a look of astonishment, but continuing, I asked, "Who is the 'him' here?"

"It is the man who had placed his hand upon the head of the lamb."

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