

sentence of death pronounced, and who in a few hours would be taken to execution.

"But the eye of God was upon me, poor miserable sinner that I was, although I knew it not. His heart, full of compassion, had thoughts of love and peace towards me.

"Whilst I was in this state, seeing neither relief nor safety, my heart seemingly enveloped with thick clouds, suddenly my thoughts went back to my childhood. I remembered the teachings of my pious and faithful mother. Had she not often spoken to me of Jesus, the Saviour of lost sinners? Had He not died on the cross for sinners? Had not one of the thieves who had been crucified with Him found grace and pardon at the last hour? And if I should now turn to this divine Saviour would not His precious blood wash away my many sins, taking them away from before the face of a thrice holy God? was there not then also grace and mercy for me?

"Again I fell down on my knees. What I asked, or even what words I said, I do not remember, but I knew that all at once everything became perfectly clear before me. Yes, the Lord Jesus had died also for me. He had borne the punishment of my many sins. They were now cast into the depths of the sea. Jesus had borne them all, had made expiation for them, and thus had been able to bury them in the unfathomable ocean of divine mercy, and nothing, and no one, could bring them to the surface again. 'Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more,' was the passage which presented itself powerfully to my mind, as