

But how does the Holy Spirit assure us of this truth by this Epistle? How does He shew us that it is our own salvation to leave every other prop in order to have none but Christ alone for our stay? He shews it to us in the only way in which it could be done—by presenting to our soul the appreciation which God makes of Christ.

That which warrants the value I am to attach to Christ is that God has already before this made known to us the worth which He possesses. If my soul confides exclusively in Him, I cannot be grounded in so doing, but by seeing the foundation of Israel's confidence at the time of the blood-sprinkling in Egypt. God had prescribed this blood, such is my divine and sure warrant, and the Epistle to the Hebrews assures it to me. It speaks to me of the high value God sees in Christ; it tells me how clearly, simply and exclusively He has laid upon Christ all that can relieve the soul. Such is the reason why this admirable Epistle lingers with so much complacency upon Christ in all His present relations with us, in all the ministrations He accomplishes for us. There is what explains the numerous quotations (chap. i.) which establish Jesus far above angels; there is what explains the glorious commentary which chap. ii. gives on the dignity of the Son of Man, the declarations of His great superiority over Moses (chap. iii.); the abundant and varied testimonies (chap. iv., v.) borne to His priesthood, supplying in quite another way that wherewith Aaron had been