

Believe that God, in wondrous love,
 Gave His own Son to die ;
 That whoso'er believes in Him
 Should live eternally ;
 And every craving of thy heart
 Himself shall satisfy !

IF you have gone to God and confessed to Him what you are, there is nothing but blessing awaits you, though you have to confess that you have outraged Him, that you have lived for yourself, without God, that you have thought to approach Him by doing some religious duty, like Cain who brought an offering of that which his own hands had laboured in, thinking he had done his best to bring it in a suitable way to God. It is plain that Cain had never felt his sin. As to natural character, there might have been more in him than in Abel. Cain was such as men can admire. He was a bold man indeed, for he dared to look up to God and answer Him. For when God said, you shall be a fugitive on the face of the earth, he replies, in effect : No ! I will build a city. That is what man applauds. And in all that makes man great, there might be some ground, if there was no such thing as *sin*. But if I have to meet God about my sins—? And meet Him I must, now or hereafter. If I meet Him now, there is nothing but salvation, redemption and forgiveness of sins, love from God, power with God, because He has given all I need in the death and resurrection of His beloved Son.

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