

in the fear of God," 2 Cor. vii. 1. Equally clear and express is that ancient promise, "The Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul," Deut. xxx. 6.

Q But does any *assertion* answerable to this occur in the New Testament?

A. There does: and that laid down in the plainest terms. So, 1 John iii. 8: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil:" *the works of the devil*, without any limitation or restriction; but all sin is *the work of the devil*. Parallel to which is the assertion of St. Paul, Eph. v. 25, 27, "Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it; that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it might be holy and without blemish."

And to the same effect is his assertion in the eighth of the Romans, verses 3, 4, "God sent his Son, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Q. Does the New Testament afford any farther ground for expecting to be saved from *all sin*?

Undoubtedly it does, both in those *prayers* and *commands*, which are equivalent to the strongest assertions.

Q. What prayers do you mean?