

pleted. Looking at the subject from this standpoint we see free grace, sovereign grace, nothing but grace reigning on the throne of grace. God never intended his throne of grace to be built and established on the ruins of man's agency, free agency, active agency, in the salvation and sanctification of his soul, though many divines speak and write in such a manner as to leave the impression that the one destroys the other. We believe that election is of grace, and that it is *through faith* in order that it might be of grace; these two simple truths are in glorious harmony. There is no mystery here, no darkness, nothing to cloud, or perplex, or bewilder the mind. God chooses those, all those, and those only, to salvation here, and to glory hereafter, who yield to the influence of the gospel, and are sanctified by the Holy Spirit. On the other hand he rejects, or reprobates, those, all those, and only those, who disobey the calls of the gospel, neglect the great salvation, resist, and do despite unto the Spirit of all grace. It is impossible more forcibly to express the *reason* why the few are chosen and the many reprobated, than in the language of our Lord. "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and *ye would not.*" I would but *ye would not.* Nothing stood in the way of their salvation. and consequently nothing could stand in the way of their election but their own unwillingness, their obstinate unbelief. Dear reader, if you are not now one of the elect of God, it is just because you are not believing the gospel. If you are now out of Christ, and if you are at last shut out of heaven and shut up in hell, it will be because you disobey the gospel of God. He wills your salvation, he has no desire that you should die. He is now seeking to bring you to himself. His language is that of entreaty, compassion, and love. But if you refuse, if you rebel, if you resist, he will by and by utter in your ears language which no other being in all the universe can utter but himself, and every sentence of which will go to convince you that it was your own fault that you were not among his elect. Yes, he will say, "Because I have called and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded, but ye have set at nought all my counsel and would none of my reproof; I also will laugh at your calamity, I will mock when your fear cometh, when your fear cometh as a whirlwind, when distress and anguish