

IV.—SERMON ON THE MOUNT (*Continued.*)

(*Read Matt. v. 21—26 and 33—end.*)

- FIRST EXAMPLE. Does Christ here *oppose* His teaching to the law of Moses? "*In danger of the judgment,*"—explain this and the terms that follow. Meaning of to "*be reconciled to thy brother.*" Shew how in this example Christ fulfilled the law.
- FOURTH EXAMPLE. What meant by performing oaths "*unto the Lord*" only—Christ's command—does it apply to *all* oaths—large terms Christ uses—a state so holy implied as that in it no oaths should be needed. Forms of profane swearing—how it all *really* takes God's name in vain—simplicity and purity of truthful thoughts and words.
- FIFTH EXAMPLE. The old law of retaliation—was it meant to lead to *revenge*?—Christ's expositions—His illustrations—are we to take His command literally?—if not, shew in what sense, and why—largeness of a wise and generous spirit.
- SIXTH EXAMPLE.—Is the old law of love and hatred rightly stated here? Christ now unfolding the true brotherhood of men—no longer individual or national separations—separations now only between the good and the evil—"children of your Father which is in Heaven"—is this in *adoption* only, or in *likeness* also and chiefly? The Father's all-embracing love—*perfect* as God is perfect—in what sense?

HELPING THE PREACHER.

A preacher once said to an old lady who had expressed her wonder to him that she was permitted to live, as she could do no more good:

"You are doing a great deal of good; you help me to preach every Sunday."

She was surprised, and inquired how it could be.

"In the first place," said he, "you are always in your seat on Sunday, and that helps me; in the second place, you are always wide awake, and you always look right up into my face, and that helps me; in the third place, I very often see the tears running down your face, and that helps me very much."