

your own enemy. It is not true that Satan is your greatest enemy, you are your own greatest enemy. The workings of Satan are tender mercies compared to the enmity you have to yourself, for you are the enemy of your own soul. But this is not all; while you remain in an unreconciled state, you are, in a most important sense, an enemy to the highest and best interests of your nearest relations, your neighbours, and to all around you. If you were at the gate of hell, you might hear some one saying 'I had a father, he went to church, sat at the Lord's table, and was looked upon as a Christian, but he never took me aside to tell me of my soul's danger, and Christ's work for me.' Reader, does this describe your character? Pause and ponder. You may think I am using harsh language, but it is all true; you are your own greatest enemy, and an enemy to every one around you, for you reject salvation yourself, and therefore you cannot teach others the way of peace, for the blind cannot lead the blind. Perhaps you may say, 'but I never was an enemy to God.' Reader, if you know not of a time when you were an enemy to God, there is something wrong. If you have never felt yourself changed from being an enemy to be a friend of God, there is good reason why you should conclude that you are not yet a child of God. You may reply, 'I do not believe you, for I feel no enmity in my heart to God.' Well, reader, give me an honest answer to a few questions: Who are Queen Victoria's enemies? Those who disobey her laws, and continue doing so. Well, unsaved reader, you are disobeying and disregarding the laws of God. You are commanded to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbour as yourself. Are you doing so? You are commanded to repent (Acts xvii, 30), you are to change your mind,—have you done so? Again, it is said in 1st John, iii, 23, "This is his commandment, that ye should believe on the name of his son Jesus Christ." Have you done so? If you have, you have peace with God, and are prepared to meet God at death without any alarm. If this is your state, you love God more than you love yourself; you have a greater respect for God, and his glory in all things, than you have for yourself. Is this your state, your present state? Are you reconciled to God, as the Colossian Christians were? They could look to God as their Father, and heaven as their home;—is that your state? If not, come now and look to Jesus, see God in Christ satisfied for you. God says, in Isaiah lxy, 1, "Behold me, behold me." This is another command: do you say where am I to look? Look to Jesus as your Saviour, or in other words, behold God as a salvation-providing God, as a just God and a Saviour. Jesus is exhibited in the