

## ARE YOU FORGIVEN?

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"YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN YOU."

1 John ii. 12.

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READER,

Do you see the question which stands at the head of this page? It is just possible you may not understand its meaning. Perhaps you may think, "Whom have I injured?—Whom have I defrauded?—Whom have I wronged?—Whose confidence have I forfeited?—What need have I of forgiveness?"

I answer, it is not an earthly forgiveness I am asking about, but a heavenly one. I do not inquire whether you are forgiven in the sight of men, but whether you are forgiven in the sight of God. The question I desire to press home on your conscience is simply this, "Are you a pardoned soul?"

Come now, and give me your attention, while I speak to you about the forgiveness of sins. The subject is one that can never be considered too soon. We lately saw the pestilence slaying its thousands and tens of thousands of our countrymen. The strongest were carried off in a few hours. The cleverest physicians found their skill entirely unavailing. We live yet, and we may be thankful. We live yet, and surely we should be thoughtful. Our turn may come next. Our graves may soon be ready for us. Come then, I say once more, and let me speak to you about the forgiveness of sins.

I. *Let me show you first of all your need of forgiveness.*