

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and on them that obey not the gospel. Meanwhile God demands a complete submission to His revealed will. He demands that the world should submit to Jesus : all those who will not, shall be forced to do so when judgment comes, and then to their own confusion and endless sorrow. God presents His Son in humiliation in order to save the world ; but without submission to Jesus all is useless, because this is what God requires and values. To believe in the Son is eternal life, is salvation ; to reject the Son of God is judgment. God will have a surrender of the heart to Jesus, as Saviour and Lord, a surrender to His own grace in Him. Thus is the heart and everything else changed, and all question as to good works is set aside. All here turns on receiving or rejecting Jesus. God passes over everything. Zaccheus may speak of what he has been in the habit of doing, but that is not the point now : " This day is salvation, come to this house." If Jesus is welcomed, there is life ; if Jesus is refused, there must be vengeance by and by, for those who do not submit. How happy for the poor convicted sinner that he has not to search in himself for something to present to God. If the heart is open, Christ is the grace and glory and perfection that is needed, and the moral effects soon and surely follow.

Still the word of God presents the certainty of judgment. Satan has possession practically of the