

without risk of pecuniary loss, thus to solicit a more extensive attention, he feels that the purpose dearest to his heart will be but little answered, unless, by this means, the truths which he has felt it a duty and a privilege to proclaim, become more familiar to their minds, and, through the grace of God, more impressed upon their hearts, than could be expected from the mere delivery of those truths in the course of ordinary teaching. That the Lord of all grace would graciously bring this to pass, by His blessing upon the present humble means, is the author's earnest prayer, and would be his abundant reward.

The Discourses contained in this volume have been principally delivered within the last twelve months. The series upon the seventeenth chapter of St. John was preached upon the Sundays after Trinity of the year 1838: and it was chiefly with regard to them that the desire was expressed on the part of the author's friends that they should be committed to the press. Thinking, however, that that series, being, from the very nature of the subject, confined in a great measure to the deep things of God and the mysteries of the *believer's* experience, did not give a fair specimen of the general character of his teaching, the author has added a number of occasional