

available to the penitent soul who turns from sin with abhorrence and with a personal faith in Christ makes the benefits of the atonement his own.

Thus the atonement presents us with the highest possible motive for loyalty to God. The man who can contemplate it without feeling gratitude to God and fervent desire to obey His commandments must be destitute of every tender sensibility which usually moves a human heart. The end of all the

fathomless mystery of the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God is to lead man back in loving obedience to his rightful Lord, and draw his soul into a blessed unity with the Eternal Father of his spirit. So that I may conclude in the forceful words of Joseph Cook: "If the great things man wants are riddance from the love of sin, and deliverance from the guilt of sin, we can obtain the first best, and the latter only, by looking on the cross."