

wrought miracles for the healing of bodily diseases and the restoration of the dead to life, O! what miracles of mercy will He not work for the salvation and life of the imperishable soul, for the happiness, the endless bliss of this living image of God, this immortal being, the salvation of which is a greater work and a greater good than the creation of the material world, than the glories of the stars and all the beauties of the universe. Hence we find that his whole life was one divine effort for the conversion and salvation of the sinner. This was so markedly the case that the Pharisees reproached Him for it and stigmatized him as the friend of publicans and sinners. Whereupon our Lord replied: "Those that are well have not need of a physician, but those that are sick; going, therefore, learn what this meaneth. I wish mercy and not sacrifice, for I am come to call, not the just, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 15, xii-xiii).

He likens Himself to the good shepherd