

Look at John in Rev. i. There, an exile in Patmos, he might have thought his apostleship ended ; but Christ comes and gives him a book to write, unfolding things of deep moment to the church in all ages. What should we do without the Revelation ? We get another instance in Rom. viii. I know not what to ask, but the Spirit makes intercession with groanings, and He that searcheth the heart knoweth it. Do I know what I want ? No ; but we present our desires before Him, often unable to form them into sentences, but Christ is up there, He knows what the Spirit wants for us. It is only an instance of redemption, working through Almighty power, connecting God, Christ in heaven, with *me*, a little insignificant individual down here. That God is so occupied with me that He brings me into desires after spiritual things connected with the glory of Christ. I present the desire, Christ understands (take the figure in Psalm cvii ; the sailors at their wits' end, then they learn the poverty of nature). I am brought to a sense of weakness by this character of communion, by His "strength made perfect in weakness." A great deal of the defective Christianity nowadays is owing to the Lord's people coming short in seeing that. Do we understand that the whole wilderness is to be a book of death and resurrection to us ? Very often sorrow is taken up from love to Christ ; but *here* it is my lifetime all developed by Christ, and He acting upon all to develope the principle of death