

Blessed thought! Sinners are welcome to Christ, but none other.

This we see in the same Peter, the fisherman of St. Luke. In him conscience and faith did their several needed work. He discovered *himself*, in the light of the glory which filled his boat, and then he discovered *the Stranger* who could set him at ease in the presence of that overwhelming moment. He was a sinner, and conscience had now discovered that; the divine Stranger was a Saviour, and faith had now discovered that. The poor fisherman's boat became holy ground, a sanctuary.

And now let me ask, has the "Salvation of God," promised, and sent forth into whatever scene of judgment it might have been; has it, I ask, ever disappointed the poor, wretched, exposed or guilty sinner that committed himself to it?

Has it ever disappointed you?

At the beginning it was sent after guilty Adam, as he hid himself behind the trees of the garden; he trusted it, and came forth; and the Lord God responded to his faith and covered Adam with a robe of His own making.

It was sent to Noah, who was then in the midst of a world that had been already judged of God, and was soon to have that judgment executed upon it. Noah trusted it like Adam. According to the word he prepared an ark; and the Lord God put him into it and shut the door upon him, and he was safe in the midst of the waters of death.

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