

surrender now upon his own conditions. "If Thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be Thine." No need to say such terms could not be listened to. Jesus accepts the alternative of a protracted siege. For a moment, doubtless, the thought had presented itself to Him, and the thought was tempting, by one great exercise of power to bring the world beneath His feet. But this could only be by consenting to methods sanctioned among his own subjects by "the prince of this world." The fact of its being in its very conception an empire after the pattern of the empires of this world, would have involved concessions to the spirit of evil which Christ could not make. And the thought was instantly dismissed. To quote once more from Professor Godet, "Jesus thereby renounced all power founded upon material means. . . . He confined Himself, in accomplishing the conquest of the world, to spiritual action exerted upon souls; He condemned Himself to gain them, one by one, by the labour of conversion and sanctification,—a gentle, unostentatious progress, contemptible in the eyes of the flesh, of which the end, the visible reign, was only to appear after the lapse of centuries. . . . Death inevitably awaited Him in this path. But He unhesitatingly accepted all this, that He might remain faithful to God, *from whom alone He determined to receive everything.*" Such was the decision come to once for all after looking the Tempter in the face. Such was the determination once for all deliberately taken, and from that moment steadfastly adhered to. Wherefore when upon a subsequent occasion Jesus "perceived that they would come and take Him by force to make Him a King, He departed again into a mountain Himself alone." They followed Him and pressed Him with questions, and in His replies occur such words as these, "*All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out. . . . And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me, I should lose nothing.*" "No man can come to Me except the Father which hath sent Me draw him." "But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who