

as drew her to Him, but she had not the answer of Jesus, "Thy sins be forgiven thee, go in peace." You are saved. That answer is the foundation of all the hopes and joys of the believer. The thing which characterizes a Christian arises from the knowledge of present salvation. It is not a desire after righteousness and a fear that if I do not attain to it, God will be against me as a Judge. It is salvation brought to me, not merely as a possible attainment, but as God's answer to all this felt need of the soul.

Peter speaks to Cornelius "the word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ." Mark, the apostle at once speaks peace. Peace is a wonderful word. It is a far greater thing than joy. It excludes everything that would disturb. I may have joy, but then I think of this trial or the other and my joy is damped. But it is not so in peace. If I have sorrow, joy coming into my presence will but embitter my sorrow. But in peace there is the absence of everything that would disturb. God is never called the God of joy, but He is the God of peace.

Peter does not say, keep on and you will get to peace, but he brings peace with him. He brings God's answer to all the need of this man's soul.

There may be peace in providence, but this peace goes a great deal further. It is peace with God. There are two things in this peace; but first let me say, it is with God that this peace is. The soul when awakened wants to have a perfect, thorough satisfaction that God has nothing against it. When the soul