

utterance calls forth the sneer of unbelief, He only adds to the woman, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." Blessed Saviour! happy sinner saved by grace!

And did not this woman know *now* that her sins were forgiven? If she had trusted the Pharisees, she would not have known, for she had heard their sneering question, "Who is this that forgiveth sins also?" But she had a more sure resting place for faith than words of Pharisees or doctors of the law. Her faith had read the heart of Jesus, and the heart of God in Him, and she had heard His own words. The person and the words of Jesus, were the place of sure rest for her soul. And if the unbelieving doctors of the law, or even the devil himself, had tried to make her doubt, she could have said, "I *know*, for I heard Him say to me: 'Thy sins are forgiven.' I had read his heart before, and I trusted Him, but now I have His own words, so plain that a little child could understand. Yes, my sins *are* forgiven, for *He said it.*"

And can you, reader, say *your* sins are forgiven? Remember, it is the same Jesus still. His heart is just the same. He still refuses none who come, but receives them all as the gift of His Father. Can you trust Him? Do you believe? Then be assured, His words to the woman are His words to you, "Thy sins are forgiven." You may not understand why, or how this can be. Neither did the woman; but