

v. 10) "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent; hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" "Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar." (Numb. xxiii. 19; Rom. iii. 4.) We may indeed doubt our own wretched and deceitful hearts; and we may well distrust our own experiences; but why should we for a single moment doubt the veracity of "God who cannot lie? (Titus i. 2.)

Let us, then, with unhesitating reliance on His word look at some scriptures in which He speaks to us about forgiveness of sins. And may He grant to every one who reads, to lay to heart the blessed truth, and to enjoy also the riches of His grace revealed in the good news.

We may first look at two scriptures (Luke v. 17-26; viii. 36-50) in which we see forgiveness of sins administered by the Lord Jesus, *while He was here on earth.*

THE PALSIED MAN FORGIVEN.

Jesus was in the house teaching, and His power was present to heal. Pharisees and doctors of the law were present from every town of Galilee, and Judea and Jerusalem, and the multitude thronged the house, and barred the way of entrance from without. Four men (Mark ii. 3) arrive, bringing on a bed a man taken with the palsy. They have faith in the Lord's power to heal, but find no way of placing the man before Jesus, because of the press. But

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