

a boon from your earthly parents that was so precious as the very least of those that your Saviour has taught you to ask from your Father in heaven in this prayer. Let me hope that you will remember this in future, and when you pray that the kingdom of God may come, and that his will may be done on earth even as it is in heaven, you will think how great and extensive a blessing you are asking for, and renew daily your own resolutions to lend your own little aid to promote his kingdom and do his will, so that when you stand before the judgment seat of Christ you may be welcomed as the good and faithful servant into everlasting happiness. We know that if we are judged according to the strict requirements of God's holy law, there is no one who can say that they have uniformly done his will, but that the very best Christians and most acceptable servants of God are those who are most conscious of their own imperfect and unprofitable services. We will therefore look into the Scriptures, and see in what manner even in our present state of error and imperfection we may hope to be found at the last blameless and spotless, as if we had never been guilty in thought, word, or deed, of an offence against the will of our heavenly Father. Find the fifth chapter of the second Epistle to the Corinthians, Elizabeth, and read from the seventeenth verse to the end.

*Elizabeth.*—"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation: