

that may displease ; but then consider well, Hugh, dost thou not know from whence thou comest ; upon whose message thou art sent ? Even by the great and mighty God ! who is all-present, and who beholdeth all thy ways, and who is able to cast thy soul into hell ! Therefore take care that thou deliverest thy message faithfully."

He then proceeded with the same sermon he had preached the Sunday before, but with considerable more energy. Such courage should all God's children show when they have to do with man. Thou art thyself nothing but a worm ; but if God puts His truth into thee, do not play the coward, or stammer out His message, but stand up manfully for God and for His truth.

A MEDIATOR.

The grand doctrine of Christianity is, that I am saved by a mediator ; if I have to answer for myself, I am lost : "Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord." If God enters into judgment with me, all is over with me. The whole doctrine of grace is, saved by a mediator ; for, "if I wash myself in snow-water, and make my hands never so clean, and yet wilt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me." The instant I see God's eye upon me, I shall see myself as one out of a ditch, yea, my clothes shall abhor me. Job wanted a daysman, to lay his hand upon both. My coming to God depends upon some one coming between.

The conscience should be delicate as to the slightest approach of evil,

only let it be in liberty. The more delicate the conscience as to the sense of the least defilement, the more the need of a mediator is felt.

But you say, I find that what ought to be dead in me is still alive. Well, did Christ die for the sin that you have not, or for the sin you have ? The very sin you are daily finding out in yourself, this is the very sin for which Christ died.

Jealousy of conscience about sin is right, the more the better, only with it remember the grace which has put it away. Christ has set me in a new life through Himself, raised from the dead, so that death can't touch it, because He lives beyond its power ; judgment can't touch it, because He has borne it and died, there is not a single thing that could ever possibly come against me, that the blessed One did not allow to come against Him. Yea, He took it all upon Himself, and we are clean out of the Red Sea, on the other side ; that life which we now live, we live by Him, reckoning ourselves dead to sin, because He died unto sin ; He died not for Himself, but to sin, to enter into a new state of existence as man, and we live through Him—see the holiness of Him who was "made sin." He was taken through everything, He was thoroughly tested in every way, to try if He were in anything unwilling to obey. What if He shrunk ! but no, every evil was refused by His blessed holy nature. He learned obedience by the things He suffered. He went through everything—the scorn of the world—the power of Satan, even to the wrath of God. He was tempted in all points, like as we are, sin