

you expect to go, when in reality you don't care about Christ. If I tell you a man has got an estate in Russia, you say; well! But if I were to say, *you* have one, see how anxious you will be to make your title and possession of it sure. Is there anything that marks the insensibility of souls more than the carelessness they evince about their state before God; or anything that shows how far they are from God, than the utter indifference they manifest to the things of heaven and Christ? Adam gave up all that God was to him for the sake of eating a fruit; and this is what sinners are doing every day. They are giving up God for the things of the world continually. A ribbon—an amusement—has more power over them than all God's beseeching love—than all the grace of Christ! Like the young man, with the great possessions, they go "away sorrowful" when they hear of the reality of their state; but still they "go away." This brings out the utter ruin of your heart—that there is not one atom for God there!

The Holy Ghost is pleading with sinners, "Be ye reconciled to God," and sinners don't care. But when God is revealed to my soul, I discover that there is sin there, which must in itself shut me out from God forever! But when (then)? I discover that that is the very thing for which Jesus gave Himself—for which He bore the wrath and died; thus accomplishing for me, and revealing to my heart the unsought love of God! God has come in in mercy and dealt with the very sins and state which troubled me—in His own Son in righteousness—in order that He might be free to ex-