

His disciples that it was expedient for them that He should go away and leave them, and the reason He assigns for so great a change is, that the Dispensation which was immediately to follow was to be the Dispensation of the Spirit. He was no longer visibly to tread the earth; men were no longer with their own eyes to see Him raising the dead, healing the sick, calming the sea, feeding the hungry, or casting out unclean spirits with His word. In His room was to be the Holy Spirit, not working on the external organs, but convincing the understanding and winning the heart. And this the Spirit does, not to draw sinners to *Himself*, but to the *Lord Jesus Christ*; for, speaking of the Spirit, our Lord says: "The Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall TESTIFY OF ME." (John xv. 26.) The work therefore of the Comforter on earth is to uplift alike in the heart of the saved and unsaved, the person, the work, and the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. He labors, therefore, to bring home to the soul of the sinner God's record concerning His Son; to convince him of his unutterable need of that salvation