

Now we are told "the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God," (Ps. ix; 17), and this is no mere figure of speech ; the bible tells us over and over again of the awful fate that awaits those who are the subjects of His just judgments ; and now I ask you again, what are you going to do about it ? Alas ! poor soul, scripture says you are without strength, but thanks be to God ; the God of all grace ; the God of mercy ; the God of peace ; He has Himself found a way by which His mercy can interpose, and turn aside His righteous judgment, and that too without doing violence to His holiness and His truth. Now it may be thought this is impossible ; but with God all things are possible, and in His infinite wisdom He has devised a way by which "mercy and truth might meet together, righteousness and peace kiss each other."

God had with Himself a Son ; a well beloved ; an only Son ; unknown indeed to men but One by whom in the past His great works such as the creation of the world, had been wrought. For this His Son a body was prepared. He became a man, yet without man's sinful nature, and in this body He offered Himself a sacrifice for sin. Being a man, a holy and undefiled man, He could take the place of men ; being God as well, He, and He only, could bear the awful load of man's guilt. Is it any wonder that the apostle by the Spirit cries out "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God !" (Rom. xi, 33), and so will you too reader when you come to realise the stupendous work of the cross. But now