

them about it. So it is not a man's being under wrath, but a man's believing it, that will move him to come to Christ. We have a famous illustration of "coming," in the case of the four lepers, of whom we read in 2 Kings vii. The famine was sore. There was no bread where they were. Being half dead already, they said one to another—"Why sit we here until we die? Now, therefore, come let us go into the camp of the Syrians." They believed death awaited them where they were, and therefore they fled for their lives. Thus it is with those who in truth come to Jesus Christ. Death is before them; they see and feel it, and therefore they come of necessity. They are forced by the sense of being utterly and everlastingly undone, if they find not safety in him. But it is an easier thing to persuade a man in good health to go to a physician for a cure, than it is to persuade a man, who sees not his soul-disease, to come to Christ. Why should he go to him? "The whole have no need of a physician." The pitcher that is full, can hold no more. Why, then, should it go to the fountain?

3. Once more, let me ask thee, *what hast thou seen in Christ Jesus to allure thee to forsake all the world to come to him?* What comeliness and beauty hast thou seen in him? Is he lovelier to thee than ten thousand? And what hast thou found in him? He that cometh to him, finds rest for his soul. Hast thou found this rest in Christ? He that cometh to him, finds reconciliation in him; for "God was in Christ reconciling the World to himself." He that cometh to him, finds him a fountain of grace for the pardon of every sin. He that cometh to him, finds virtue in him; so that if thou do but touch him *by faith*, life—eternal life—is forthwith conveyed into thy soul. It makes one wake as out of the sleep of natural death, into the newness of spiritual life." What more shall I say? He that cometh to Jesus Christ, finds in him rest, peace, delight, heaven, glory, and eternal life.

Now, sinner, be advised! Ask thy heart again, saying—"Am I come to Jesus Christ?" for on this one question—"AM I COME, OR AM I NOT COME?"—hangs heaven or hell, as to thee. If thou canst say, in deed and in truth, "*I am come to Jesus Christ—he is mine, and I am his,*" happy, happy, happy art thou! If thou hast really come to him, and received him as thy Saviour, (John i. 12.) thou art an adopted child of God, and Jesus has gone to prepare a place for thee. Thou art the object of a "love that passeth knowledge;" and whilst thou art passing on through the wilderness, from the gate of hell, where thou wast, to the gate of heaven, where thou art going, God hath strewed thy path with promises, as with flowers from his own paradise. The sweet gales of His