

went away unsaved. But all those who come to Him in the sense of believing His word, loving His person, accepting His salvation shall be saved. By all your souls needs; by all its faculties of enjoyment and of service, I entreat and admonish you lay this text seriously to heart, and in obedience to it "come" to Christ. He will satisfy your every desire. In Him you will find all you seek and infinitely more. Try him. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden."

4. The certainty of salvation to all who comply with the terms upon which it is offered is one of the most pleasing features of the text. It reads "I will in no wise cast out" those that came unto me. "*In no wise.*" What plain and forcible words! It is as if the very thought were repugnant to the speaker. The Lord Jesus Christ is so anxious to save, that there is not the shadow of a possibility that He will refuse to save those who place themselves in a condition to be saved. He is most willing to save all who give Him the least opportunity. How, then, can He "cast out" any who come to Him. It cannot be. It is foreign to His loving nature, to the principles of His being. No one need have the least fear that such a calamity will happen as that after he has come to Christ he will be rejected and cast out. Such never happened, nor ever shall. No one ever yet tried Him and found Him wanting, or His promise a failure. Neither shall you. Throw yourself in faith upon His word. Come to Him in this way and you "shall in no wise be cast out." The bridge which has carried millions to glory before you will surely suffice for your soul. How can you doubt Him who is the Way? Do not. But come to Him in faith, and follow Him in love, and you shall in no wise lose your reward.

The proper ground of christian assurance of salvation is not human feeling, which fluctuates like the tide of the ocean—one day we are borne aloft upon the billow of some emotion, the next we are stranded upon the shoals of spiritual difficulty. The real basis of assurance is the Word of God, which does not change nor pass away, but which like Himself abideth forever. We should be assured that we are saved because God says so. What stronger reason should we need? And this text states plainly as words can, that if man *comes* He will *save*. Surely we know whether we have come to Jesus Christ the Saviour in faith and sincerity. That decided, what difficulty should there be in attaining to that blessed and comforting christian experience known as assurance of personal salvation? Let us strive by taking Christ at His word, as in the terms of the text, to real-