

A WORD FOR TROUBLED SOULS.

“WHAT can have occurred to Sophia?” I asked of a friend some time since. “She seems so sorrowful and dejected. Her face wears an expression wholly different from that which it formerly had. And she was so happy in the faith in her Saviour.”

“In a word she is not happy,” replied my friend, “She says she is not saved; that she no longer believes in the Lord Jesus and that her sins are not forgiven.”

As the young person who was the subject of our conversation was greatly on my heart, I prayed to the Lord to give me an opportunity of meeting her soon and to give me a word for her that would be suitable to her state. My desire was soon gratified and I am glad to make known the conversation we had, in hope that by God's grace it may be useful for other souls who are troubled in the same way.

Having asked her why she had so sorrowful an air she replied; “my sins are not forgiven, and I am very unhappy indeed.”

“But you told me quite another story only a little while ago. You said that you were perfectly happy in the Lord, and that you knew that all your sins were blotted out—whence then comes this change?”

“Ah I believe,” replied Sophia, casting her eyes downward, “that I said that then to please you. But now I fear much that I do not believe at all in the Lord Jesus and consequently I am lost.”