

piness they will deprive themselves of, by continuing in the sad Way they are in at present. — And how *this Grain of Mustard-seed* may grow, and increase, and spread, God only knows: — But blessed are they that have sown it!

As to this Performance, the Author will say little in its Defence; it is therefore called an *Essay only*; — and indeed, since it is finish'd in the midst of other Business of Moment, there are so many Defects so easy to be seen in it, that he could almost wish, that it had not gone abroad so imperfect as it is. — Only those Defects may set some better Hands at work, to perfect what hath been here attempted. — And if even that Good be done by it, the Author will be very thankful to God for enabling him in any measure to promote a Work of such Importance, as is the Salvation of the Souls, which *Jesus Christ* hath purchased with his most precious Blood.

There have been, 'tis true, many excellent Books publish'd, which give a larger and more learned Account of the