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My soul's Restorer ! let me learn
In Thy deep love to live, and rest ;
Let me the precious thing discern
Of which I am indeed possess'd :
My treasure let me feel and see,
And let my moments, as they flee,
Reveal my endless life in Thee.'

Preface.



THE following Allegory is intended to elucidate the position in which *a Christian* stands with respect to the Moral Law—that law concerning which Christ said, that till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass, till all be fulfilled (Matt. v. 18)—as contrasted with that of all beside, whether Professors, or Jews, or Unbelievers.

'*Ye shall know the Truth, and THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE,*' said the Divine Teacher to 'those Jews which believed on Him' (John viii. 32); and, through them, to His followers in every age. I think He was here contrasting the bondage of a legal standing with the freedom of the believer's standing in grace (Rom. v. 1, 2); and that, by 'The truth'—while all

revealed truth was included—a spiritual acquaintance with *Himself*, 'THE TRUTH' (John xiv. 6), the Living Word, was pre-eminently intended.

It is by union with Jesus, through the believing knowledge of who and what He is, and of what He has done for us, that we are delivered from the slavery of sin, and from our obligation to render a perfect obedience to each and every precept of the Moral Law (which, unlike the Ceremonial Law, has never been cancelled), as the necessary title to eternal life.

Until we are thus one with the Lord Jesus by a living faith, 'accepted in the Beloved,' and so entitled to plead *His* obedience instead of ours before the throne of God, we are *under the law as a covenant of life*, and by offending in one point—and in *how many* do we continually offend!—are held 'guilty of all.' True, we have not yet been brought to trial. But we have incurred the righteous displeasure of our God and King, and even now are walking the earth *condemned criminals*,—twice condemned, as having violated the law, and rejected the Gospel;—with nothing between us and the fulfilment of the death-warrant, but