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THE MIND OF JESUS! What a study is this! To attain a dim reflection of it, is the ambition of angels—higher they can not soar. "To be conformed to the image of His Son!"—it is the end of God in the predestination of His Church from all eternity. "We shall be *like* Him!"—it is the Bible picture of *likeness*!

In a former little volume, we pondered some of the gracious Words which proceeded out of the mouth of Jesus. In the present, we have a few faint lineaments of that holy *Character* which constituted the living exposition and embodiment of His precepts.

But how lofty such a standard! How all creature-perfection shrinks abashed and confounded before a Divine portraiture like this! He is the true "Angel standing in the sun," who alone projects no shadow; so bathed in the glories of Deity that likeness to Him becomes like the light in which He is shrouded—"no man can approach unto it." May we not, however, seek at least to approximate, though we can not adequately resemble! It is impossible on earth to associate with a fellow-being without getting, in some degree, assimilated to him. So, the more we study "the Mind of Christ," the more we are in His company—holding converse with Him as our best and dearest friend—catching up his holy looks and holy deeds—the more shall we be "transformed into the same image."

"Consider," says the Great Apostle (literally *pass on*) "Christ Jesus" (Heb. iii. 1). Study feature by feature, lineament by lineament, of that Peerless Exemplar. " *gaze*" on the Sun of Righteousness, till, like gazing long on the natural sun, you carry away with you, on your spiritual vision, dazzling images of His brightness and glory. Though He be the Archetype of all goodness, remember He is no shadowy model—though the Infinite Jehovah, He was "the *Man* Christ Jesus."

We must never, indeed, forget that it is not the *mind*, but the *work* of Immanuel, which lies at the foundation of a sinner's hope. He must be known as a *Saviour*, before He is studied as an *Exemplar*. His doing and dying is the center jewel, of which all the virtues of His holy life are merely the *setting*. But neither must we overlook the Scripture obligation to walk in His footsteps and imbibe His Spirit, for "if any man have not the *Spirit of Christ*, he is *none of His*!"

Oh, that each individual Christian were more Saviour-like! that, in the manifestation of a holy character and heavenly demeanor, it might be said in some feeble measure of the faint and imperfect reflection—"Such was *Jesus*!"

How far short we are of such a criterion, mournful experience can testify. But it is at least comforting to know that there is a day coming, when, in the full vision and fruition of the Glorious Original, the exhortation of our motto-verse will be needed no more; when we shall be able to say, in the words of an inspired apostle,

"We *have* the *MIND OF CHRIST*!"

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