CHR. And did you ask him what man this was, and how you must be justified by him?

HOPE. Yes, and he told me it was the Lord Jesus, that dwelleth on the right hand of the Most High, Heb. x. 12. And thus, said he, you must be justified by him, even by trusting to what he hath done by himself in the days of his flesh, and suffered when he did hang on the tree, Rom. iv. 5; Col. i. 14; 1 Pet. i. 19. I asked him further, how that man's righteousness could be of that efficacy, to justify another before God. And he told me, he was the mighty God, and did what he did, and died the death also, not for himself, but for me; to whom his doings, and the worthiness of them, should be imputed, if I believed on him.

CHR. And what did you do then?

HOPE. I made my objections against my believing, for that I thought he was not willing to save me.

CHR. And what said Faithful to you then?

HOPE. He bid me go to him and see. Then I said it was presumption. He said, No; for I was invited to come, Matt. xi. 28. Then he gave me a book of Jesus's inditing, to encourage me the more freely to come; and he said concerning that book, that every jot and tittle thereof stood firmer than heaven and earth, Matt. xxiv. 35. Then I asked him what I must do when I came; and he told me, I must entreat upon my knees, Psa. xcv. 6, Dan. vi. 10, with all my heart and soul, Jer. xxix. 12, 13, the Father to reveal him to me. Then I asked him further, how I must make my supplications to him; and he said, Go, and thou shalt find him upon a mercy-seat, where he sits, all the year long, to give pardon and forgiveness to them that come, Exod. xxv. 22; Lev. xvi. 2; Numb. vii. 89; Heb. iv. 16. I told him, that I knew not what to say when I came; and he bid me to say to this effect: God be merciful to me a sinner, and make me to know and believe in Jesus Christ; for I see, that if his righteousness had not been, or I have not faith in that righteousness, I am utterly cast away. Lord, I have heard that thou art a merciful