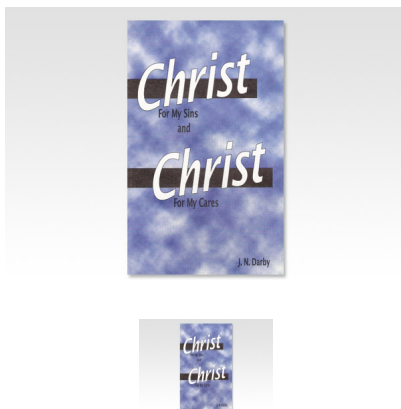




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Description

(John 4)

It is a wonderful thing to think of the reality of the intimacy with which the Lord carried on interactions with people in this world - His ways and manners with them - and who He is. In truth it changes all our thoughts of God.

He has visited men before the day of judgment, and we find Him giving and not judging-dealing with them in quite another way. He who is to be the Judge had to come beforehand to be the Saviour; came in grace, seeking worshippers; came to visit the hearts of men where they were-naughty hearts; coming to such, not to judge at all, but to deal with our souls about the very sins for which He would have had to judge us. If I see Him there, I find He has dealt with my sins already in a totally different way. It confirms the judgment, of course-puts the seal of God's testimony on it in the strongest way. But at the same time it gives me to know and understand that the whole thing has been decided in a totally opposite manner. Instead of coming to claim the debt, He comes to pay it; both ways prove the debt was there, but the dealing is totally different.

He comes and deals with sinners, then, in exactly the opposite way to claiming the debt, and He deals effectually, and that is the gospel. "We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." It is a Saviour we have to tell of, and I could not stand here to speak thus if He were not a Saviour who has wrought an effectual salvation. Then

God is not requiring anything from us but brings the thing we want - brings Himself - and there is nothing we want like Him. And God has something to give eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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