

AN
ESSAY
TOWARDS AN UNFOLDING THE
GLORY OF CHRIST,
IN HIS
PERSON, LOVE, AND SALVATION,
IN SEVERAL
SERMONS,
BY
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WITH A
RECOMMENDATORY PREFACE,
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*I will speak of the glorious Honour of thy Majesty, and of thy
wondrous Works. PSAL. CXLV. 5.*

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P R E F A C E.

THE great work of God the HOLY GHOST, in the ministry of his sacred word, and in his gracious influences shed abroad on the minds of his people, is to exalt the SON of GOD: JESUS himself so marked his character; when speaking of him, he said, *He shall glorify me.*

Hence it will undeniably follow, that the great object of the gospel ministry should be directed to the promotion of the same blessed purpose. And the highest testimony of any man's being called and sent forth by the HOLY GHOST, to minister in the church of JESUS, is, when that man makes CHRIST, the *Alpha* and *Omega* of all his ministerial labours.

In this view, Mr. PIERCE's writings appear to me eminently distinguished: the leading tendency of the whole being directed to set forth the LORD JESUS, in his essential, personal, relative, and mediatorial glories.

Although the Sermons, contained in this volume, which treat of these sublime subjects, can need no other commendation, than their own excellencies; yet, as far as my little influence could reach, would I gladly exert it, to render the reading of them as extensive as possible. I venture to believe, that they carry with them the *imprimatur* of the Master. And under this persuasion, I feel no hesitation to recommend them as the humble labours of the servant. And I am equally convinced, that He, who causeth them to be sent forth, will bless them to the end intended, in making them instrumental in his Almighty Hand, to make manifest the sweet favour of his name in every place.

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