

enter it. We need preparation. We have sinned. The fear you experience when you think of death is evidence that you are unprepared for heaven. Sin is the cause of your fear. You are guilty. You need to be forgiven. You need to be cleansed from moral defilement. God, in the gospel of Jesus, has provided a way by which you may be pardoned and sanctified. Through the blood of Jesus, God proclaims to you a full and a free forgiveness. Through the truth about Jesus' atonement for your sins, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may be purified. It is required of you that you believe in Christ in order to forgiveness and purity. When you believe, that God so loved you that he gave Jesus to die for you so that you might be saved, God pardons you, and commences in your soul the work of sanctification. Now, while you are on earth, is the time when you should thus turn to God.

'As long as life its term extends,
Hope's blest dominion never ends;
For while the lamp holds on to burn,
The greatest sinner may return.

Life is the season God hath given
To rise from hell and fly to heaven;
That day of grace fleets fast away
And none its rapid course can stay.'

For this 'day of grace,' you are indebted to the blood of Jesus. Thus while you are on earth you are sowing. In eternity you shall reap, and reap as you sow. If you sow the wind you may expect to reap the whirlwind. If you are despising the riches of God's goodness, you are treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God. During the time you have lived you have been preparing for heaven or for hell. Know the true character of the time of your earthly life. It is repentance-time—time, which you should improve in repenting of sin and turning to God by faith in Jesus. And it is all the probation-period which God will give you. O with what importance and interest does this consideration invest the period of human life! It stamps carelessness about the soul's weal with almost infinite folly. Beloved reader, yield to the influence of these mighty truths, and be alive to your soul's well-being. All that is glorious in heaven, dreadful in hell, terrible in the judgment to come—and the worth of your immortal spirit,—call on you to shake off your lethargy. Look to the unfathomable interest which God takes in your weal, as evidenced in the gift of Jesus as an atonement