

of Christian triumph glistening in her eye. Addressing her by name, he said, "Will you tell me what thought it was that passed through your mind which was the cause of your appearing so joyful?" The reply of that "old disciple" was, "Oh, sir, I was just thinking what a change it will be from the poorhouse to heaven!"

**JOSHUA v. 1.**—*The tide retarded*: "In the number of Providential interpositions in answer to prayer," says Le Clerc, "may be placed what happened on the coast of Holland, in the year 1672. The Dutch expected an attack from their enemies by sea, and public prayers were ordered for their deliverance. It came to pass, that when their enemies waited for the tide, in order to land, the tide was retarded, contrary to its usual course, for twelve hours; so that their enemies were obliged to defer the attempt to another opportunity, which they never found, because a storm arose afterwards, and drove them from the coast."

**JOSHUA vii. 5, 11, 12, 24-26.**—*Sin a trouble*: Sin is always a trouble, though in many different ways. A robber bribed an unscrupulous lawyer to plead his cause, promising him a thousand crowns. The suit having been gained, the law-breaker brought the money. Supper followed, and the night being stormy, the guest was invited to lodge there. In the middle of the night, he found his way to the advocate's room, bound and gagged him, re-pocketed his thousand crowns, broke open a chest, and bidding the helpless host good night, marched off with goodly spoil.

**LUKE xviii. 8.**—*Fidelity*: When Pompeii was destroyed there were very many buried in the ruins of it, who were afterwards found in very different situations. There were some found who were in the streets, as if they had been attempting to make their escape. There were some found in deep vaults, as if they had gone thither for security. There were some found in lofty chambers;—but where did they find the Roman sentinel? They found him standing at the city gate, with his hand still grasping the war-weapon, where he had been placed by his captain; and there, while the heavens threatened him; there, while the earth shook beneath him; there, while the lava stream rolled, he had

stood at his post; and there, after a thousand years had passed away, was he found. So let Christians stand to their duty, in the post at which their Captain has placed them.

**JOSHUA xxiv. 15.**—*A noble decision*: The late king of Prussia, Frederic William, ascended the throne June 7th, 1840. When the chief officers of state and heads of the army came to pay their homage, the king solemnly uttered these words: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Great moral courage was necessary to make such a declaration, for infidels held the highest position in the country, and were numerous. He remained faithful to his promise; he served the Lord in spite of mental infirmities, which were often exaggerated by the malice of the enemies of religion. Well in a monarch, well in the head of a household!

**MARK x. 17-19.**—*Knowledge of God's Word should be experimental*: A gentleman once asked an aged negress if she knew Washington. She answered by asking, "Do you know God?" "I hope I know something of Him, ma'am." "How, then, may one know God, sir?" "We may learn something about his goodness and handiwork from what we see in yonder garden, and in these beautiful trees." "You are right, massa; but is there no other way of knowing him?" "Yes, ma'am, we may also learn something of Him from His dealings with the sons of men, the history of nations, and the lives of individuals." "Can we? But in no other way?" "From the Bible we gain more knowledge of God than from all the other sources put together." "Yes, indeed! and is there no other way?" "By experience." Laying her hand upon her heart, and lifting her beared eyes to heaven, she exclaimed, "Ah, now you have it, massa."—*The Hive*.

As when a child travels in his father's company all is paid for, but the father himself carries the purse; so the expenses of a Christian's warfare and journey to heaven are paid for and discharged for him by the Lord in every stage and condition.—*Gurnall*.