

about his conversion." Well, Sirs, I set a trap for him, and baited it with faith and prayer. I got him persuaded to go to a lovefeast. The people wondered to see him there. He went out of curiosity, to hear what the friends had to say, and, it may be, to make sport of them. But God found him out, and brought him into great distress of soul. This ended in his conversion. God made a *bran new man* of him; and he now finds that godliness has the promise of this life. He looks a hundred pound better than he did. He soon began to pay off his old debts, and now lives without making fresh ones. Did sin ever do a man any good like this? No. It promises much, but it never performs what it promises. The truth is, it has nothing to give; for "*the wages of sin is death.*" Every sinner will shrink from the payment of those wages which he has earned by a life of sin.

It is religion that makes good husbands, good wives, good children, good masters, and good servants. It is the best thing a man can have in this world, and it is what will fit him for heaven. May God save you! I hope I shall meet you all in heaven. I feel such love to you, that I could take you all in my arms and carry you into Abraham's bosom. O, that every person in this congregation may turn from his evil ways, and become a new creature! May "the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and preserve you blameless in body, soul, and spirit!" Amen!