

ing to God's truth (see *Philippians* ii. 12, 13, and *Ephesians* vi. 14).

SECOND—"Bind on thy Sandals". This is equivalent to our putting on our shoes, or getting ready so as to be able to walk. We are told with what our feet should be shod in *Ephesians* vi. 15—"The preparation of the Gospel of Peace". Thus equipped with truth and peace, and our hearts being ready to do thus far the Angel's bidding, we get a further command. And mark,—Peter *did* the first two commands before he got any further ones from the Angel—"and so he did"—Then the Angel said—

THIRD AND FOURTH—"Cast thy garment about thee and follow Me". When we exemplify the genuineness of our faith by our readiness to obey steadfastly the Angel's words, we prove that *we have* that precious garment or robe of God's righteousness given to us through Christ (2 *Corinthians* v. 21). Let us remember that we are thus clothed, and be careful in our path through life to keep this garment unspotted from the world (*James* i. 27). There is another covering to assist us in this, the Spirit of God (*Isaiah* xxx. 1). He must not only be dwelling in us, as is the case with every true believer (1 *Corinthians* vi. 19), but He must be the guiding influence of all our actions, which He will be if we do not quench His blessed leadings, or grieve Him by the waywardness of self-will; thus we shall be preserved from those chilling influences of the night of this world, as Paul calls it in *Romans* xiii. 12, and so be enabled to follow the Angel—Christ—in our walk here below into perfect freedom from prison, even as Peter followed the Angel into the night air of freedom *outside* the prison (verse 9), and doing this we shall get another garment upon us, the 'garment of praise' (*Isaiah* lxi. 3), in the place of that spirit of heaviness resulting from bondage.

Is there not much to learn here for those who