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## The Two "Whosoever's."

**W**E have been accustomed to look at the word "Whosoever" as one of the most encouraging in the Bible; and, blessed be God, it is full of encouragement to the seeking soul; for, sinful though he may feel himself to be, yet, listening to the words of Him, who is "the Truth," that "Whosoever believeth" is saved from the guilt of sin, and that *even* "now there is no condemnation," he is enabled to trust that *he* is included in the "Whosoever;" and, casting himself on the mere word of Jehovah, that "peace which passeth all understanding" flows into his soul; he knows that he is adopted into the family of God, for he has received the Spirit, whereby he is enabled with confidence to look up, and say, "Abba Father."

But there is another "Whosoever" spoken of. "Whosoever believeth *not*." Dear reader, have you ever thought of the solemnity of *this* "Whosoever?" "WHOSOEVER!" no matter who he is, young or old—rich or poor—learned or ignorant—man or woman. "WHOSOEVER" believeth *not*, "shall not see life;" and, if he "shall not see life," what is before him but "the second death;" or, as our Lord calls it, "outer darkness, where there shall be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth!" "Darkness," because they have closed their eyes against the "light of life," and now they *cannot* see. "Weeping," because too late they perceive what they have lost. "Wailing" over opportunities once within their reach, now gone forever! "Death," because they *would not* come, that they might have life (John v. 40).

Beloved reader, to which of these "whosoever's" do you belong? You may decide the matter *to-day*,—and why should you not? So much is involved in your decision. If you *believe*, you have "eternal life" already begun (1 John v. 11). If you *believe not*, there is nothing before you but death and eternal misery; for "whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Just as surely as *not one* of those who believe, will be shut out from heaven, so surely will *not one* of those who believe not, be admitted. WHAT, THEN, OF YOU? Will you not *now*, before another hour rolls over your head, cast yourself on that Saviour, who is waiting to be gracious to you, and realize in your own case, that the word of Jehovah is true, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." "WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE."  
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## Let the Drum Beat.

**H**N old soldier was lying on his bed sick and feeble. The doctors, after examination, gave up all hopes of his getting health again, in fact they did not think he could live many hours.

"Ah, well," said he, "let the drum beat. I have done my duty. I am ready."

So died a hero. He had braved the terrors of the battlefield, he had helped to give glory to the victory, as men count glory; but that which now made him happy was that he had been faithful to his God. He had obeyed the orders of the great Captain. He had been loyal. He was ready to obey the call.

And now are we ready? Have we the same hope as the soldier? Can we say, "Let the drum beat?" The call will come some day. The trump shall sound, the book shall be opened, and we shall appear to judgment.

## OUR WATCHWORDS.

They overcame . . . by the blood of the Lamb.—Rev. xii. 11.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—Phil. iv. 21.