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Hope's Quiet Hour.

Mighty to Save.

The question—Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength?

The answer—I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.—Isa. 63: 1 (R. V.). The Royal Road of Salvation—The chief priests mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; Himself He cannot save.—St. Matt. 27: 42.

"Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the last, the dread affray;
O'er the Cross, the Victor's trophy,
Sound the high triumphal lay,
How the pains of death enduring,
Earth's Redeemer won the day."

The prophet Isaiah saw from afar the Great Victor, marching in the greatness of His strength, mighty to save. His glorious apparel was dyed with crimson stains, for He had trodden the wine-press alone. There was none to help, therefore his own arm brought salvation.

St. John, gazing into the divine mysteries, also had a vision of One going forth conquering and to conquer. "He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and His Name is called The Word of God."

We are so accustomed to think of the Saviour's garments as crimsoned with His own blood, that we scarcely notice Isaiah's declaration that the dyed garments were stained with the blood of enemies trampled in fury (verse 3). The world-idea of a great conqueror, who delivers his own people by mercilessly crushing other nations, used to be accepted as reasonable. Now—in the light of Christ's Life and Death—we brand such lawless empire-building as "piracy."

The prophet Hosea proclaimed this message from God: "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in Me is thine help. I will be thy King; where is any other that may save thee?"

Where is any other with power to save from sin? We think of the great leaders who have arisen from time to time, and we see that they are only men. They are weak and faulty, we cannot put our whole trust in them. They can help their fellows a little, but they are not "mighty to save."

We have not to choose between many who offer salvation. St. Peter threw down the gauntlet for his Master with the bold challenge: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." St. Paul declared that the name of JESUS is "above every name." St. John saw that name written high in heaven; "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

The challenge still rings out. After nearly two thousand years no other man has been found able to save men from their sins. Study the records of Christianity and you will see that Christ has made good His claim to save the lost. No other man has claimed and won the first place in the hearts and lives of a "great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples and tongues," who are ready to echo St. Paul's words: "To me to live is Christ."

No other man can stand as an equal beside JESUS of Nazareth. If He be not Mighty to Save, then no other man can be "an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

What is the Royal Road of a true Victory? Look at Napoleon, unconcernedly crushing millions in the attempt to establish his own glory. Was his life a victorious one, or was it a disastrous failure?

We—who have caught something of Christ's point of view—can see nothing to admire in such self-seeking ambition. One who is really mighty to save must "save others," not himself.

So we are drawn, as often before, to the Cross of Christ and wonder at the blindness of the men who—trying to heap shame on the Crucified—are really proclaiming Him "Mighty to Save."

They cry in scorn: "He saved others!" Surely that was a glorious thing to do. "Himself He cannot save!" In the search-light of this war we can see that taint to be (like the crown of thorns) a glory round His head.

"He saved others by the sacrifice of Himself." Do we despise or honor men who make the supreme sacrifice for the sake of others? Yesterday I read of the gallant death of a young balloon-commander. His balloon was in flames and he waited until his air mechanic had escaped, sacrificing his own life in consequence. He saved another, therefore, he could not save himself. Those words, once said in mocking scorn, might be written in golden letters on many a marble cross.

In the clear light which flows from the Victor, on Calvary, we see selfish ambition stripped of its tinsel finery. If we are determined to secure our own safety we may escape much danger and pain—but we shall fail to live victoriously. No one is proud of being a "slacker," even though he may have a very easy and comfortable time.

If our Lord had chosen to follow up the triumph of Palm Sunday He might have gained great earthly power; but He voluntarily laid down His life. It was not the nails in hands or feet, but the mighty power of Love that held Him on the Cross, when challenged to prove Himself the Son of God by coming down. He could have saved Himself—but He chose to save the world, instead.

Listen to the Royal offer of One mighty to save: "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."

Are you accepting that offer, or are you concentrating all your attention on the winning of earthly prosperity?

"Christ is not valued at all unless He be valued above all," said S. Augustine. Has He any place in your life? Has He the first place? Many are like the soldier who said:

"We only thought of You on Sunday—
Sometimes perhaps not even on a Sunday,

Because there's lots to fill one's life."

Christ died—but He is not dead. He is still Mighty to Save—to save you, if you will come to Him and accept the Life He offers.

DORA FARNCOMB.

A Country Woman.

"A Country Woman," who—several years ago—started the "Advocate purse," has again sent \$5.00 for the needy. Her "zeal hath provoked very many," and I know she rejoices over the harvest which has sprung from her first anonymous gift. Many sick and needy people have reason to join with me in thanking her. HOPE.

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