

with the bare hope of life; they had found life, and food, and riches. Did it not seem to them like a dream?

He who flees to Christ as a refuge from death finds in Him far more than his utmost hopes. His soul's wants are abundantly supplied. He is more than pardoned and saved from eternal death. He is fed with spiritual food; he receives the Holy Spirit; he becomes partaker of a treasure—the unsearchable riches of Christ are made open to him. There is nothing to pay. All this is quite free. And all comes from his not sitting still to die, but rising and fleeing to Christ Jesus. He was in danger, now he is in the way of salvation; he was poor, now he is rich.

4. Once more. The lepers intoxicated by such unlooked-for good fortune, thought of nothing else, at first, but gathering treasure for themselves; but afterwards they came to a better mind. "We do not well," said they; "this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace." So they left off going from tent to tent to gather treasure to hide for themselves, and went back and told the good news in the city.

So it is with the repenting sinner who has found salvation in Christ. His first feeling is joy on his own account; now at length he has escaped, now he has found the true riches. But almost immediately he thinks of others. There are numbers, he considers, in the same danger from which he has been rescued; numbers still poor and wretched, with nothing but death before them. He will go and tell them what he has found, and try to make them sharers in his happiness. He who is truly converted to God becomes at once a worker for God. It is one sign of having found the treasure, that a desire is awakened in the soul to make others partakers in it.

Let us not fail in this. If at any time sluggish, self-indulgent, backward in this work of God, let us bethink ourselves of the leper's words: "We do not well; this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace." Yes, it is indeed a day of good tidings, a gospel day, a day of salvation; let us not hold our peace; let us tell the good news to all we can; let us seek to win souls to Christ; and life and happiness, and heaven.—*Selected.*

IS THE PAPACY PREDICTED IN THE WRITINGS OF PAUL?

Canon Farrar is oftentimes more dogmatic in his assertions, than conclusive in his reasonings. In his "Life of Paul" he ventures on the rash proposition, that no one of "competent scholarship" will in these days assert that the Papacy is foretold by St. Paul under the title of "the man of sin." Dr. Christopher Wordsworth, Bishop of Lincoln, took far higher honours at Cambridge, both in Mathematics and Classics than did Dr. Farrar. He is some twenty or thirty years his senior—has been a diligent student and expositor of Scripture for many years, and ought, therefore, to be regarded as possessed of "competent scholarship" to deal with any theological question. In a little pamphlet recently published, entitled "Is the Papacy predicted by St. Paul," the Bishop fully discusses the question. In that pamphlet, after proving exhaustively and conclusively that Paul's reference can be to nothing else but to the modern Papacy, he concludes the whole inquiry with the following remarkable words:—