

“TURNED TO GOD FROM IDOLS.”

(1. THESS. i. 9).

DOES the reader know what it is to be turned to God? This is a serious question. Think of it soberly. Do not try to put it away from you. The serious consideration of it may bring lasting blessing to your soul. You have some object before you in this world. Perhaps it is to attain happiness. You may have tried different ways to reach it. Let me ask you, have you *attained* to happiness? Are you *satisfied*? Or have you been trying one thing after another only to be disappointed? Alas! so it is with every source of satisfaction that this world can offer. Nothing brings true happiness; nothing leads a soul to where he can say, Now I am satisfied, I have all I need for time and for eternity. To find what you need you must be turned to God. *He* is the source of all good, of all blessedness, and in the knowledge of Him is found peace and joy and blessing without measure and without end. It may be you know something *about* Him without knowing *Himself*; and what you have learned about Him only makes you afraid; and you think it would be a very dreadful thing to be brought into His presence. You expect to stand before Him bye and bye in the day of judgment, or when you die, but the thought only fills you with terror, and you wish to put off the meeting with Him as long as possible. Why is this? It is because you