

In so doing he was obeying the command to "cast your care upon Him." The depression of sorrow was removed, and his energy revived for the service of God. We have no right to exhaust in burden-bearing the strength which ought to be employed in God's service.—*N. Y. Observer.*

THE ONE GREAT AIM OF THE MINISTER.

In the retrospect of a long life, now drawing to a close, during which I have watched, of course, the career, and observed the mode of action, of many of my brethren. I have noticed great diversity in the results of their ministry; and I have most assuredly seen that, where they have been intensely earnest for the salvation of souls, and have sought this by a style of preaching adapted to accomplish it, God has honored their endeavours by giving them success. If, without impropriety, I may refer here, as I believe I have done elsewhere, to the service which, during fifty-four years, I have been allowed to render to our great Master, I may declare my thankfulness in being able, in some degree, to rejoice that the conversion of sinners has been my aim. I have made, next to the Bible, Baxter's "Reformed Pastor" my rule as regards the object of my ministry. It were well if that volume were often read by all pastors—a study which I now earnestly recommend to them. I sometimes venture to hope that it has kindled in me a spark—but oh, how dim! Standing as I now do, in the prospect of my ministry, of the eternal world, and of my summons to the presence of the great Lord of all, the salvation of souls as the object of the ministry, appears to me, more than ever before, in all its awful sublimity. Everything else, as compared with this, seems as the small dust of the balance; and though, perhaps, not altogether an idler in the vineyard of the Lord, it is now my grief and my surprise that I have not been more devoted and more laborious. Defects, omissions, and errors, come out before our view in the evening of life, and especially when it is spent, as mine must now be, in retirement, solitude, and suffering, which we did not perceive during the burden and bustle of the day. To my younger brethren,

I say, You are engaged in the greatest work in the universe; for in preaching for the salvation of souls you are brought into fellowship with God in His eternal purposes of mercy to the children of men; with our Lord Jesus Christ in His redeeming work upon the cross; with the Holy Spirit in His mission to our world; and with prophets, apostles, and martyrs. Heaven, through eternity, will resound with the praises of your diligence, or hell, with lamentations and execrations upon your neglect.—*J. A. James.*

RIGHT TO ONE PROMISE RIGHT TO ALL

The promises can be no more divided than Christ can be divided, or than heaven can be divided; the promises are not like loose pearls, but as pearls made into one entire chain. He that can lay his hand upon that promise in Matt. v. 6—"Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled," and truly say, this promise is mine, may safely lay his hand upon that promise, verse 8—"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God," and say, this promise is mine; and the same he may say of the rest of the precious promises that are specified in verses 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, of that chapter. He that can lay his hand upon any one promise that God has made to them that love him, and truly say, this promise is mine, may safely lay his hand upon every promise that God has made to them that love him, and say, these are mine. He that can lay his hand upon any one promise that God has made to them that fear him, and truly say, this promise is mine, may assuredly lay his hand upon every promise that God has made to them that fear him, and say, these are all mine. He that can lay his hand upon any one promise that God has made to faith in Christ, to believing in Christ, and truly say, this promise is mine, may safely lay his hand upon every promise that God has made to faith in Christ, to believing in Christ, and say all these promises are mine. He that can lay his hand upon any one promise that God has made to the returning sinner, and truly say, this promise is mine, may securely lay his hand upon every promise that God has made to the returning sinner, the repenting sinner, and say, all these are mine. He that can lay his hand upon any one promise that God has made to the waiting soul, and truly say, this promise is mine, may without peradventure lay his hand upon every promise that God has made to the waiting soul, and say, all these are mine. Prove but your right in one, and you may safely infer your right to all.—*Brooka.*