

salvation have I succored thee : behold, now is the accepted time ; behold, now is the day of salvation.—2 Cor. vi. 2.

The present is—

I. "THE DAY OF SALVATION." "Acceptable year of the Lord."

1. The grace of atonement.
2. Suitably revealed.
3. Urgently pressed, as in "be-seech," "behold."

II. "THE ACCEPTED TIME."

1. Divinely "accepted."
2. Opportune for development, growth, fruit.
3. The season is short.

III. THE SEASON FOR DIVINE SUCCOR.

1. Temptation and trial.
2. Cry of need—"heard."
3. Perishing souls "succored." "He is able to succor them that are tempted."

FINALLY, the Omnipotent "I"—Jehovah-Jesus—comes near to you in the grace of his love, in "the opportune present," and if you will, "NOW," "BEHOLD" him by a living faith, you shall be presently and eternally saved. Who will embrace the opportunity? Will you? I. A. B.

Consider.

Consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.—Ps. l. 22.

God has endowed man with a rational and reflective nature for this very purpose; and he governs him by motives, and not by force, in order to call his reasoning and reflective faculty into full exercise.

CONSIDER—what?

1. His relations and duties to the Author of his being and the Arbiter of his eternal destiny.

2. The chief end of man—why and for what he exists.

3. The kind of life he is really living—the trend of his desires, hopes, strivings—is it Godward, heavenward?

4. His preparation and prospects for eternity in the light of Bible-teaching.

5. Consider the uncertainty of life—the constant proximity of death, eternity, judgment; the "vanity" of all earthly gains and pleasures; how soon death will end all and usher the soul into the presence of the great and holy God.

6. Whether you are a Christian, and if not, when you expect to become one, and whether your expectation is sure of realization; or whether it is not a spider's web—a "snare and a delusion"—to lure you on to a lost eternity—as it has done millions of others as confident once as you.

Funeral Service.

Room in the Father's House.

In my father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go, etc.—John xiv. 2, 3.

1. Christ here counsels his disciples in regard to their speedy but temporary separation. The consolation he affords them is the joyful fact that they shall soon be permanently blessed with his companionship in the heavenly mansions.

2. He teaches, in other portions of these last words, that all believers have the same divine promise.

3. There is abundant room in his eternal home for all the redeemed. "In my father's house are many mansions." How tenderly he rebukes our fear: "If it were not so, I would have told you."

4. Christian dying is simply Jesus "coming again" to "receive unto himself," to take home his brethren on the earth.

5. We need not trouble ourselves because of this mysterious journey—this going home—because we know not the road. He will come for us. He will pilot us all the way. He himself is the way, and he will illumine every step of the path and guide us into the "Father's house."

The Life Eternal.

No man is sure of life.—Job xxiv. 22.

1. Then let him set lightly by it.