

putting this question solemnly to yourself—if God called me suddenly am I prepared to meet Him?

You may not be openly indifferent as that poor lady was, but if unsaved your heart is in as bitter enmity towards God as hers, whether you acknowledge it or not, for His word declares that "The carnal mind is enmity against God." (Rom. viii. 7). "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because His compassions fail not," (Lam. iii. 22) and Oh! while you are still spared, while time and opportunity are yours, be wise and consider the most important thing in this life—your soul's eternal welfare. Did you ever think of the value the Lord Jesus has put on your soul? Listen then, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul." (Mark viii. 36-37).

Earth's joys are fast fading, your history on earth may soon be closed, and eternity fully faced, whether you like it or not; for "We all do fade as a leaf." (Isa. lxiv. 6). Thank God you are not yet too late, God longs for your soul's salvation; He seeks your eternal happiness, and if you just prove Him you will find that He *delights* to bless. Oh! then do not delay but accept now His own loving invitation, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." (Jno. vi. 37). "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I Jno. i. 7). May it never be said of you, reader: "But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear." (Zech. vii. 11).