

seek and to save that which was lost," for eighteen months lived a most beautiful life in all godliness and honesty. One night the express train cut off both his legs near the thigh ; and when the surgeon said to him, "My dear fellow, I am sorry to say to you that you have not fifteen minutes to live," he began to sing with a jubilant voice :

"Hallelujah ! 'tis done ; I believe in the Son ;
I am saved by the blood of the Crucified One !"

He who has not faith in these two great truths : that Jesus Christ can save any sinner that repents and believes, and that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," must not go on any mission to dying souls, either at home or abroad. God has no use for such, neither has man use for such as a missionary.

4. Notice another pattern feature of a true servant of God : he not only has a call from God, and does a work for God, and recognizes the power as from God, but *he loses his will in God*. Paul said to Agrippa : "Whereupon"—and the force of the Greek is "*immediately*"—"immediately I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." There is no man or woman who has not at some time or other his or her Damascus—a vision of God at some crisis of life. It may not be as bright, wonderful, lustrous as that which smote the Apostle Paul into blindness ; but some vision comes to us sometime, and the whole of our future life depends on whether we are immediately obedient to that heavenly vision. If we are, we get other visions, just as Paul did. He tells us, in the twelfth chapter of 2 Corinthians, that he was caught up beyond the heaven of the atmosphere, and beyond the heaven of the stars, to the third heaven, where he saw the hierarchy of angels, of which he alone tells us in his epistles, because he alone had the personal revelation of it ; and he saw something as much grander than the stars as angelic principalities and powers and thrones and dominions are greater than mere material worlds. If you come to your Damascus, and you get a vision of God, and you hear the call of God, and are immediately obedient to the heavenly vision, vision after vision will follow ; and the visions will grow brighter, and sweeter, and nobler, and purer, and more uplifting, until you are caught up to the third heaven. But if you neglect the first vision, you may never have another ; or, if you have another, it will have less influence, because the sensibilities are duller for its perception and reception. What a blessed thing it was for Paul that immediately he yielded himself to that heavenly vision !

In these days we hear much about "enthusiasm." Missionary speakers are asked to go hundreds of miles, "to come and stir up enthusiasm among the people." I have come to be a little afraid of what is thus called "enthusiasm." It feeds on excitement ; it seeks incitements ; it likes imaginative pictures drawn in highly colored tints ; but it fades and faints before discouragement and difficulty. We want something nobler