

5. He knows all about every one of us.

6. He has absolute power to enforce His decisions.

#### STRONGER THAN DEATH.

*Neither death nor life \* \* \* shall be able to separate us from the love of God, etc.—*

Rom. viii: 38, 39.

The strength of this promise amazes us, until we remember that it is God's love, not *ours*, that is stronger than death. Even then we might stagger at the promise, if we did not also remember that the power of this love is proved by Christ's life and death for us: "If He spared not his own Son," what will He keep back from those whom He loves? Love like that can have no end. Nothing, *nothing*, **NOTHING** can pluck His beloved out of His hand. His love shall conquer death for us, because it is stronger than death. The promise is easy for faith so soon as we cease to measure love against death, and begin to look only upon the omnipotence of the love of God in Christ.

#### Communion Service.

##### AN IMPERFECT OFFERING.

Mal. i: 13. God denounced His ancient people for sacrificing "that which was torn, and, the lame and the sick," "Should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord." If He would not accept an imperfect offering for the Jewish altar, surely He will not for the Christian. A merely outward or formal worship, however proper the form

or imposing the ceremonial, He will turn away from in righteous anger. An offering that springs not from sincere affection, and carries not with it the true and real homage of the soul, He will surely reject. If we enter His sanctuary with uncleansed hearts, with souls soiled with worldly contaminations, with the garments of our holy profession torn and defiled, He will not reveal Himself to us in peace. If we come to the table of the Lord, not spiritually discerning the great Sacrifice, with unholy tempers and unbelieving hearts, burdened with unforgiven sins, and far away from the spirit and life of the Cross, God, from His throne of justice and immaculate purity, will cry out: "Should I accept this of your hand?"

#### Revival Service.

##### JUDGMENT TEMPERED WITH MERCY.

*And there was a rainbow round about the throne.—Rev. iv: 3.*

The inspired seer discloses to us a scene in heaven. The throne is the symbol of government, power and judgment. He that is seated on that throne is the Ruler, the King, the Judge of the universe. The laws of God are inexorable. Man would succumb to the demands of the law; he would be crushed by the judgments of its violation. Inevitable condemnation would be his certain fate. But, behold! there is a rainbow shines resplendent round about the throne. God's omnipotence and justice are bounded by mercy above, below, and on every side.

#### LIVING ISSUES FOR PULPIT TREATMENT.

*"The musician who always plays on the same string is laughed at."—HORACE.*

*"That is never too often said which is never sufficiently learned."—SENECA.*

#### The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

*"We ought never to sport with pain and distress in any of our amusements, or treat even the meanest insect with wanton cruelty."—BLAIR.*

*With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful.—2 Sam. xxii: 26.*

WE know no sublimer description of applied Christianity than the words of Job: "I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the

poor; and the cause which I knew not I searched out." The humane spirit of Christianity extends to animals as well as to mankind. God's law protects the whole animate creation, and we are not to torture the meanest in wantonness, or destroy, except for food or the protection of life. Every lover of humanity must rejoice at the evidences of a growing regard in Christian