

the day it was completed and given to the world.

The proofs of its authenticity and genuineness are equally good in every period of time—and its saving power is felt and acknowledged by all who have dedicated themselves to God. By believing it we credit its great Author,—and by accepting and fulfilling His terms of salvation, through His grace, we secure the everlasting welfare of our immortal soul. Those who live under its influence live to God, and not unto themselves,—they enjoy all the blessed privileges of His adopted children,—being justified and sanctified by Him,—constantly working out their salvation with fear and trembling—and yet possessing the peace of God which passeth all understanding. In the acceptance of our Gospel, then, is true happiness to be found—and it is the highest wisdom to follow its directions—for the best blessings of God in time and throughout eternity are the sure portion of all who sincerely love Him—and faithfully serve him in the Gospel of His Son.

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Gems from Edward Bury.

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1. THOU must have a settled resolution to cleave to Christ and obey Him, even in the most despised, disgraceful, dangerous, difficult, and costly part of duty; though it be to the loss of thy worldly enjoyments, yea, and life itself. Many would pick or choose their duties: *this* thing they would do, but *that* they would not: they scum off the fat and sweet of duty, but leave that which is difficult or dangerous. But God will have no such servants. Obey Him thou must, though thy father, mother, and all thy friends become thine enemies upon the account.

2. Never was goldsmith more careful of his gold that it shall not be in the furnace longer than need is, than God is of His people. They shall be no longer in the furnace of affliction than necessity requires—till their dross is consumed, and they refined.

3. The experience of 5000 years cannot produce one example when God has falsified His word.

4. There are none in this world that have more true cause of joy than believers have. Here they are under the divine protection of God, and are sure to want nothing that is good; and when this earthly tabernacle shall be dissolved, they have a kingdom prepared for them.

5. If God be not glorified by thee, He will be glorified upon thee: if He have not the glory of thy salvation, He shall have the glory of thy destruction.

6. In all duties performed to God or man, see that thou hast a divine warrant for

them out of the Word of God. That which He commands is our duty, and what He forbids is our sin, if we do it. Where there is no law, there is no transgression; and where there is no command of duty, there thou canst expect no blessing.

7. When thou knowest thy duty, and hast a divine command for it, delay not, but set upon it. Many undo themselves by delays: they think to do that hereafter which they never live to do. Practice is the life of all.

8. Christians that have taken Christ upon His own terms, and are delivered from the power of sin and Satan, think they never can do enough for Christ: they are always questioning, 'What shall I do for Him that has done so much for me?'

9. If thou would read the Word of God with profit, 'tis necessary that thou prepare thy heart for so solemn a duty. Come not out of the bustle of business, with a heart full of the world, to discourse with God. Take not God's Word, any more than His name, in vain.

10. Bring a spiritual appetite always with thee to the means of grace. Come with an empty stomach, or why dost thou seek after food?

11. 'Tis a sure token of a hard heart, when the consideration of God's mercy and Christ's sufferings do not bend to duty; and of all the judgments in the world, a hard heart is one of the greatest.

12. Many that are constant in public duties, are defective in private; but it is secret duties that chiefly maintain our communion with God. In those it is we most engage our hearts to God and God to us.

13. A gracious heart should be as sensible of mercies as of miseries, and be as ready to render praise for the one as to put up prayers for the removal of the other. But most men are like the lepers: of ten that are healed, but one gives thanks.

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THE genius of the public Press may not inaptly be compared to that fairy Lady of Shalot, of whom the Poet Laureate sings. The function of that lady was to stand day and night within a secret bower, gazing into a magical mirror, in which the shadows of the great world appeared, and to weave those wondrous sights into a mighty web. Through the length and breadth of the British Islands, innumerable shuttles, in the shape of printing presses, are flying fast every day and every hour, weaving into visible form the multitudinous threads of human history. One thing which strikes a person coming from the Mother Country into a colony like this, is the inefficiency of the public Press as a mirror of