

Our Mission.

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My Story.

I will tell you what saved me
From the power of self and sin,
What gave me love for Him above,
And a pure heart within
My troubled breast,
By sin oppressed.

What made me walk a higher road,
As God would have me do,
What taught me how my will to bow,
All hasty words subdued,
And look above
With pious love.

'Twas not a preacher's eloquence
That turned my soul to Him,
Nor thoughts of shame which often came,
And filled my heart of sin—
That darkened spot
Where God is not.

'I was simple texts of Bible truth,
Which those who run may read,
And the melting word I oft had heard,
Of that most glorious deed,
When life Divine
Purchased mine.

I cannot tell what made me feel
That it was meant for me,
But a sudden thrill my soul did fill,
And on my bended knee,
I then did raise
My song of praise.

A happy life, a peaceful mind,
A trusting, loving heart,
A ransomed soul from sin made whole,
Are what He did impart,
When I did say,
"I will obey."

The shades of night more gently fall,
The flowers more sweetly smell,
There is in life no sound of strife,
All is peace and all is well,
Since the hour
Of that first shower,

O sinner! Now obey the Lord,
Rest now upon His blessed word?
Come to Him now, before Him bow,
And you'll be surely heard.
His life He'll give,
Tho' dead you'll live
To praise Him evermore.

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OUR COLUMN FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

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[Dec. 20.] The Gracious Invitation. [Is. 55: 1-11.]

This latter part of Isaiah is one continued, elevated strain of Gospel life, and its glory in the latter day.

THE SCENE IS LAID IN THE ORIENT,

which helps us to appreciate the tenderness, earnestness and point of the appeal.

I PROVISION IS GRACIOUSLY MADE FOR ALL. 75 1-3.

Observe, the work of Jehovah's servant in chap's 42, 44 and 53, is set forth as the means of LIFE, HEALTH, PEACE and SATISFACTION.

CHRIST PRESENTING HIMSELF AS THE PORTION OF THE SOUL,

and illustrated by Water, Wine, Milk, Bread,—staples of life in the Orient.

Needful for all.

Available to all.

Provided for all.

Jehovah is the true portion of the soul, and His covenant is the enduring source of supply.

THE ENTREATY.

Hearken to Me and live Incline your ear to listen,
and eat Come unto Me and delight yourself in the
best God, His house, His teaching, His ordinances
The best of things cannot be bought,—as fresh air, sun-
light, health, contentment, character.

How many misdirected aims there are in life, and
satisfieth not.

II. A LEADER APPOINTED FOR ALL. 75 4-6.

Abraham is the great representative man of the pro-
mise in the line of the faithful

David is the representative man of the house of Israel
in the line of kingly descent and power,—both culmin-
ating in the servant of Jehovah—Jesus, a Prince and a
Saviour,—the Captain and Leader of the spiritual Israel,
—the faithful witness, and first begotten from the dead.

III. GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT PRESENTED TO ALL.

God is near, and may be found.
God's promise of gracious and complete pardon.
God's character and dealings.
God's word and its stability.
The fruitful making, food providing, joy inspiring, soul
refreshing rain.

"THE believer is now, by faith in the Lord Jesus,
shrouded under so perfect and blessed a
righteousness, that this thundering law of Mount
Sinai cannot find the least fault or diminution therein,
but rather approveth and alloweth thereof either when
or wherever it find it. This is called the righteousness
of God without the law."—*Bunyan.*