

A Memorable Day.

Temptation.

Humiliation

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Of the act of faith—Humiliating perceptions—Shrinkings from a profession of holiness—The direct path—A ceaseless sacrifice—The key which opens the door—What is the act of faith?—Terms of the covenant—Faith, not works, the ground of acceptance—The blessedness of purity—Why do some receive the blessing sooner than others who are equally sincere?—How example may hinder—How the blessing may be obtained—Tears of desire shed, yet a willingness to be holy not attained.

CHRISTMAS day was rendered memorable by my receiving more definite and confirmed views of the precise act of faith, which brings present salvation from all sin.

These views were preceded by an uncommon humiliation of spirit. During the day a temptation to hastiness was continually pressing upon me, and as the tempter had an object to act upon, the suggestion was, that I had, more or less, yielded to its influence. On examination, I could not bring the conviction that I had offended, and consequently did not feel condemnation; yet I was most deeply humbled, under a sense of my unworthiness. While confessing my want of higher degrees of holiness, and lamenting this before the Lord, I was led to question how it was, that I had been enabled to hold fast the beginning of my confidence, and continually witness that the blood of Jesus cleanseth.

I felt that I had not deceived myself, and could