

DELIVERED FROM BONDAGE.

MRS. J—— was *trying* to do right. She felt that she must meet God, and she knew she was not ready. Being in a poor state of health, the thought of death pressed itself often upon her and caused much shrinking and uneasiness. About this time she attended a Bible reading and there heard that Jesus was coming again: that He was coming with a shout to call all His redeemed ones up to meet Him in the air. Her attention was arrested. How blessed it would be, she thought, to go to meet the Lord without having to pass through death—death with all its grim terrors: but she could not take the place of being one of His own.

She was not easy; she was not happy, but, like many an earnest soul, she was striving *to do what she could*, not knowing that the work which would set her free, had *all been done* by Another. She was thoroughly under the law, and her aim and desire was to keep the commandments. She thought if she attained to this she could meet God. She had been led to believe that Saturday must be kept in holiness as it was the seventh day—the Sabbath: she would not, therefore, do any work on that day and was grieved when her sister would allude to work.

But all this effort to live according to what she thought, did not bring *peace*. Sometimes she would break one of the commandments: often she would have to acknowledge to herself, failure here and

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