

The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.—John vi. 63.

A SURE BASIS.

I HAD rather have a church with ten men in it right with God, than a church with five hundred in it, at whom the world laughs in its sleeves.”—*George Whitfield.*

So say we of an Association. We would rather have a membership of one hundred men right with God than one thousand gathered simply because we furnish so many lectures, such a well furnished gymnasium, or such pleasant excursions.

“Oh,” say some, “that is all well enough: but what about the financial aspect of the case?” Well, our opinion is, that God’s word is true, and that when Jesus said, “Seek FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness,” (and remember these words are addressed to His followers), He meant that the grand object to be before us is the glory of God, which certainly would be the result of banding together one hundred such men as we speak of. And when He promised, “All these things shall be added unto you,” He gave a promise sufficient to warrant us in dismissing from our minds any thought as to possibility of the financial failure of any institution which makes God’s glory *the object* of its labors. When shall we begin to test the promise?

BROUGHT—WENT.

JOSEPH was brought down to Egypt.” (Genesis xxix. 1). “Abram went down into Egypt.” (Gen. xii. 10). A picture of two servants of the Lord filling the same place. One is “brought” into the position by God,—“the Word of the Lord tried him,”—but he is saved from sin through fierce temptation, and is made a blessing, for “the Lord was with him.” The other “went” into it of his own accord; therefore he falls into sin when tried, and has to be “sent away” by those who were “plagued” for his sake.” Gen. xii. 19.

YIELDED UNTO GOD.

WHAT a blessed thing (says Payson) it is to lose one’s will! Since I have lost my will, I have found happiness. There can be no such thing as disappointment to me, for I have no desire but that God’s will shall be accomplished.

UNANSWERABLE PROOF.

A WORTHY woman of Turin, a fruit-seller, had received the Word of God, and read it with joy. Seated at the entrance of the bridge, in her modest shop, she improved every leisure moment in studying the holy book. A person passing by said:—

“What book are you reading there?”

“It is the Word of God, sir.”

“The Word of God! But who told you so?”

“God Himself.”

“Himself! What folly! Has God spoken to you? What proofs can you give me of it?”

“Sir,” replied the good woman, “prove to me that the sun is there above our heads.”

“Why should I prove it? The best proof that the sun is there is, that it lights and warms us.”

“Ah! that is what I wish to say to you,” cried the woman triumphantly; “the best proof that this book is the Word of God is, that it lights and warms my soul.”

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