

over them all. And bless the Lord, people do get the victory, don't they? To be sure. We have seen it many times in our own houses. I have had to work in a coal-pit, and sometimes I have had to go to work in the morning without a bit of bread, and I have had to go and work hard, and then I have thought, "Oh, but I shall get the victory over poverty," and that has cheered me on. And you people here in business, you have been like that sometimes, haven't you? Circumstances have been bad with you sometimes, you could not see your way clear, everything seemed blocked up, your bills came in, and you trembled at everybody that came into the shop, lest it was somebody going to ask you to pay their bill. And then you have said, "Well if I could but get another quarter, or a little time, I could work round again and get the victory," And so shall we get the victory. Bless the Lord, we are determined to fight on. We don't believe in scepticism, or anything else of that sort; and, bless the Lord, we believe that we shall get the victory over it. Victory. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, our faith." May the Lord help us to think about it and rejoice in it.

If we begin to look at all the good old prophets and saints, and the men of God that ever trod on this sin-blighted world, if we begin to think about our good old forefathers, we shall see that they were all saved by faith, and that, bless the Lord, being justified by faith they had peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Look at old Noah, who rode upon the billows of the mighty deep. What was it that saved him from being drowned? It was faith. God commanded him to do something, and it was believing God and taking God at his word that made him build the ark and ride safely on the bosom of the mighty deep. And I tell thee, my brother, that there is an ark now, the Ark of the everlasting covenant. It is not made of the gopher-wood, but, bless the Lord, it is made of a beam called Christ, and if thou gettest into it thou wilt be saved. The Lord help thee. We have all our ships, our Great Easterns and our Great Westerns, and I remember when I was at Liverpool going to see the Great Britain.— But they found the Great Britain would

not sail, and they had to take her to pieces and make her up again; but, bless the Lord, we have no call to do that with the Gospel ship, for she can carry all her passengers safe to the better country. Many of us are passengers, cabin passengers, or on deck, or somewhere. May the Lord help you to get on board.

Then take the case of Enoch; what a good man old Enoch must have been. Sometimes I think I should like to see him, and if I cannot see him here, why, I shall see him up yonder. What a good man he must have been, for it says he walked with God. To be sure, I believe in that sort of religion; talking and walking with God. If we have got a dear friend in this world we like to walk and talk with him. I have my dear partner down in Lancashire, and we talk to one another through the post, and if I do not get a letter from her I think there is something the matter with her down at Manchester. We can talk with God through the post of faith, and glory be to God, it doesn't take long to bring a letter backwards and forwards. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, our faith." Enoch must have been a happy man, and that is a happy man who walks with God. What a blessed thing it is to walk by faith like Enoch did; he even overcame death, did'nt he? Thou wast a happy man, Enoch, to ride in a chariot to heaven. Glory be to God, he walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Then the case of old Gideon, he was down in a barn threshing; as he is threshing there in the barn and turning the straw over and over, a strange being comes in and looks at him. Gideon looks up at him, and he says, "What dost thou come here for? Dost thou want me to sell my wheat to thee, or what dost thou want?" "No, Gideon, the enemies of the Lord and of the most High are come up here, and I want thee to take a pitcher and a lamp and go out to battle." "Go to battle with a pitcher and a lamp! Let me go and get swords, and slings, and stones." "Nay, nay, Gideon; God saith He'll give thee the victory." "Then I'll go whether I have a pitcher and a lamp or not; if God will go with me I will go." And he did go and they that were with him; and when he and his host were there,