

## GOD ONLY KNOWS THE HEART.

SEVERAL times together we had visited the hospital; passing from ward to ward; having a word here and there as the Lord gave opportunity; finding, as is so often the case, some who turned a deaf ear to what was said, apparently careless and indifferent; some who respectfully listened and appeared interested, while others, a few, seemed really anxious to hear more, and asked us to call again; some of the latter also, professed to have peace with God, and looked bright and happy. I said to my companion as we returned home, that I had no doubt of this one's or that one's conversion, referring to some of those to whom we had spoken. His reply invariably was: "God only knows the heart;" and this was said in that short, quick, crisp way; characteristic of the little man, whose broad Scotch accent, and good honest face, told you that he was intensely in earnest. He hated shams; he had known those who had professed to be saved, and yet their lives proved it far otherwise, and so he would say, "God only knows the heart." I have since, often thought of his words, for he is now with the Lord. And this has led me to look into the scriptures to see for myself what God has said about the heart of man; so I would ask my reader to follow me, and, if unsaved, it may with God's blessing, prove salvation to his precious soul. In Matthew xv.

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