

journey of the Israelites from Egypt to the promised land, were all overruled by a wise Providence, and made to point, as with prophetic finger, to the great Deliverer who was afterwards to come into our world. As the Jews were in bondage to Pharaoh, so our world was in bondage to the Prince of Darkness. Was it true, in the case of the Children of Israel, that, having signified their desire to be freed from the oppressive yoke of Egypt's tyrant king, by rising to leave the land wherein they had sojourned, they came to the border of the Red Sea, and behold there was no way by which they could pass over? So it is with sinners when they desire to leave the soul-ruining service of the prince of this world; they look for a way by which they can escape to a place of refuge, but the red sea of iniquity rolls its dark waters before them, and appears like a great gulf through which it is impossible to pass. Was it true in the case of the Israelites, that God by the hand of Moses, smote the waters, and thus opened up a *new way* by which they could escape in safety? So is it in the case of those whom Jesus came to save. Behold the Lamb of God, in that dread hour, when "he bore our sins in his own body on the tree!" As then, night had wrapped in darkness, the scene on the borders of the Red Sea; so now, thick darkness gathers around Calvary's hill. Listen with the ear of faith, and you shall hear that same voice which spake to Moses out of the cloudy pillar, say in the ears of a listening world:—"stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord which he shall show you to day." Around that bleeding Lamb, a world's sins are made to gather, and 'meet on him.' Jehovah descends in the clouds of heaven to pour out the vials of His wrath. Hark to that voice—the voice of God through the prophet:—"Awake! O sword, and smite the shepherd, the man that is my fellow." The sword of justice descends and strikes the blow. And through the rent veil of the Redeemer's flesh a *new* and living way is opened up, through which sinners may flee for refuge, and escape from the power of their enemies—sin and Satan. Does Satan, Pharaoh-like, attempt to pursue, and recover his prey? If he does, he meets with that almighty Saviour, out of whose hand no one is able to pluck those who confide in Him; and meeting with One that is infinitely stronger than himself, all his boasted power is laid low as the host of Pharaoh, which was "swallowed up and lost" "in the heart of the sea."

But God overruled even those incidents recorded in holy writ, where the murmurings and rebellions of the Israelites are spoken