

possible for a soul to know the way of salvation without having the certain knowledge that *he himself* is saved, or, again, to *know* that he is *saved*, without possessing at all times the joy that ought to accompany that knowledge.

First, then, let me speak briefly of

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Please to open your Bible and read carefully the thirteenth verse of the thirteenth chapter of Exodus; there you find these words from the lips of Jehovah,—“*Every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb,*” and if thou wilt NOT redeem it, THEN THOU SHALT BREAK HIS NECK: and all the first-born of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.”

Now, come back with me, in thought to a supposed scene of three thousand years ago. Two men (a priest of God and a poor Israelite) stand in earnest conversation. Let us stand by, with their permission, and listen. The gestures