

command. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Believe and live! Yes, live immediately. O think, dear reader, there is nothing between your soul and salvation save *unbelief!* That, and that alone, keeps you away from Jesus and all His unsearchable riches. Come to Jesus now; at this very instant; just as you are a sinner; and cast yourself upon Him. He alone can save you. Come, and you shall know that an immediate acceptance of Christ secures an immediate salvation. **COME IMMEDIATELY AND BE SAVED IMMEDIATELY.**—*Rev. J. A. R. Dickson.*

### WAITING FOR GOD.

While yellow fever was raging in New Orleans one summer, a little boy was seen one morning, lying on the grass in one of the streets. A kind-hearted gentleman noticed him, in passing, and asked him what he was doing there. "Waiting for God to come to him," said the boy. The gentleman was touched by the sorrowful tones of the child. He saw, too, that the fever was upon him. "What do you mean, my child?" he asked. "God sent for mother and father, and little brother," said he, "and took them away to His home in the sky; and mother told me before she went, that God would take care of me. I have no home, and no one to give me anything; so I came out here, and have been looking so long up in the sky for God to come and take care of me, as mother said he would. He will come, wont He, sir? Mother never told me a lie."

"Yes, my child," said the gentleman, hardly able to speak, for his feelings, "God has sent me to take care of you." A beautiful smile lighted up the child's face as he said, "I knew that God would send for me!"

A sceptic once asked the late Dr. Nettleton, "How came I by my wicked heart?" "That," he replied, "is a question which does not concern you so much as another, namely how shall you get rid of it. You have a wicked heart, which

renders you entirely unfit for the kingdom of God; and you must have a new heart, or you cannot be saved; and the question which now most deeply concerns you is, how you shall obtain it." "But," said the man, "I wish you to tell me how I came by my wicked heart." "I shall not," replied Dr. N., "do that at present, for if I could do it to your entire satisfaction it would not in the least help you towards a new heart. The great thing for which I am solicitous is, that you should become a new creature, and be prepared for heaven. As the man manifested no wish to hear anything on that subject, but still pressed the question how he came by his wicked heart, Dr. N. told him that his condition resembled that of a man who is drowning, while his friends are attempting to save his life. As he rises to the surface of the water, he exclaims, "How came I here?" "That question," says one of his friends, "does not concern you now. Take hold of this rope." "But how came I here?" he asks again. "I shall not stop to answer that question now," replies his friend. "Then I'll drown," says the infatuated man; and, spurning all proffered aid, sinks to the bottom.—*The Student's Handbook to Scripture Doctrine.*

### INTERNATIONAL LESSON SCHEME. THIRD QUARTER.

- July 4—The Word Made Flesh—John i. 1-14.  
 " 11—Following the Lamb—John i. 35-46.  
 " 18—Jesus at the Marriage.—John ii. 1-14.  
 " 25—The New Birth—John iii. 7-17.  
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 " 8—Jesus at Bethesda—John v. 5-15.  
 " 15—The Bread of Life—John vi. 47-58.  
 " 22—Jesus the Christ—John vii. 40-46.  
 " 29—Freedom by the Truth—John viii. 28-36.  
 Sept. 5—The Light of the World—John ix. 1-11.  
 " 12—The Good Shepherd—John x. 1-11.  
 " 19—The Resurrection and the Life—John xi. 34-44.  
 " 26—Review (suggested)—Christ Rejected—John xi. 47-53.