

of God." We might view him in early life, and discover that, though born "from above," he appears excitable and subject to excessive feelings. If again we contemplate him after a sojourn of forty years "in the land of Midian," when he had become "king in Jeshurun," he appears as "very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." But, without dwelling upon this special feature of the renowned leader of the congregation of Israel, we may just refer to two passages where his general character is apparent, and where the comparison beautifully evidences what we are now proving. See Exodus iv, 13, and Deuteronomy xxxiv, 10, &c.

We shall only add the case of one other illustrious noble in the kingdom of our God, that of the Apostle Peter. Here the natural temperament was a source of trial. It was generous, impulsive, and zealous, yet deficient in reflection and steadiness, hasty and so emotional that the subject of it was apt to allow his moral barometer to sink with fearful rapidity from a very high to a very low degree. Notwithstanding this obstacle or difficulty there is perhaps none of the children of God in whom we can trace more remarkably than in Peter growth in grace. What a contrast is the mature follower of Jesus, as seen in the venerable "elder" about to "put off" his "earthly tabernacle," to the unhappy Peter who is heard denying his Lord when effecting a terrified retreat from Pilate's judgement-hall. See Matthew xxvi, 69, 75. 2nd Peter i, 12, 14.

For September 21st.

Prove that it is our duty to examine ourselves.

PROOF 1st—PSALM iv, 4. 2nd—PSALM xxvi, 2. 3rd—PSALM cxxxix, 23, 24. 4th—LAMENTATIONS iii, 40. 5th—EZEKIEL xviii, 27, 28. 6th—HAGGAI i, 5, 7. 7th—2ND CORINTHIANS xiii, 5. 8th—GALATIANS vi, 4. 9th—HEBREWS xii, 15.

For September 28th.

Prove the same by Scripture examples.

PROOF 1st—JOB xlii, 5, 6. 2nd—PSALM cxix, 59. 3rd—JEREMIAH xxxi, 18, 19. 4th—LUKE xv, 17. 5th—ROMANS vii, 18. 6th—2ND CORINTHIANS vii, 11.

"The gentle child that tries to please,
That hates to quarrel, fret and tease,
And would not say one angry word—
That child is pleasing to the Lord."