

mortality? Come then, O my friends! have you all made up your minds to arise and go to your Father? Why linger here? Why persist? Why not go home at once? Which will you resist after all? * * * Oh be reconciled to God *this very day!* Why would you turn by-and-by? Because Christ beseeches you? And does not he as much beseech you now? Why would you turn by-and-by? Does not God now command you? And are you not disobeying and defying Him by delaying?"—*Rev. H. G. Guinness.*

"Nothing doth or can hinder you but thine OWN WILFUL NEGLECT and refusal. * * * If after all this the wicked will not turn, their OWN WILFULNESS is the cause of their own damnation, they therefore die, because they WILL DIE. * * * We cannot make you believe against your will. * * * Your destruction is owing to yourselves in that you resist. * * * If I could but get you to be WILLING."—*Alleine's Admonition.*

"And yet is so in love with his bondage, that he WILL neither accept Christ or the redemption he brings. * * * Christ has prepared the only remedy that can heal his wounds, and he WILL NOT suffer him to apply it."—*Rev. John Flavel.*

"What say you? WILL you return to God or WILL you not? I pray you let your hearts make answers, yes or no. WILL you return and be converted or WILL you not? What say you? Are you resolved to turn or are you not? Do not put me off with to-morrow or some other time hereafter, as if it were not time yet, or you could not spare your sins yet. If you refuse this offer which God makes you now, are you sure you shall ever have another? God and His ministers persuade you to be converted, but year after year you are still the same, there is something wrong."—*Rev. Richard Baxter.*

"The one question I have to ask this morning is, art thou WILLING? if so Christ bids thee take the water of life. Art thou WILLING? if so be pardoned, be sanctified, be made whole. For if thou art WILLING, Christ is WILLING too. * * * This text has nothing to do with your heart, it is with your WILL. Are you WILLING? Then be your heart hard as the nether millstone, if thou art WILLING to be saved I am bidden to invite thee, * * * art thou WILLING? Art thou willing to be saved? There is no barrier between thee and Christ except thy stubborn WILL."—*Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.*

"If you perish, you will have only YOURSELF TO BLAME. If God is constrained to give

you up at last, it will be under protest, calling upon heaven, earth, and hell, to bear witness, that it is YOUR OWN DOING, and not His."—*Sermon by Edwin F. Hatfield, D.D., New York.*

"It places salvation within the reach of the lowest and vilest sinner, if he has but heart and WILL to receive it."—*Rev. J. C. Ryle, A. M.*

We proceed to present our case.

There are those in the business world, who, destitute of means, commence life with a desire to succeed in business, put forth the requisite exertions and accomplish their purpose. There is another class, similarly circumstanced, who make as great, or even greater efforts for the accomplishment of the same object, but yet do not succeed; and then there is a third class, destitute of any such ambition, consequently make no exertion, being quite content to live and die in poverty. Thus, I think, the world might religiously be divided into three classes.

"The whole world is distinguishable into THREE classes of persons, (1), such as are *far from* CHRIST, (2), such as are *NOT FAR FROM* CHRIST, and (3), such as are *IN* CHRIST."—*Rev. John Flavel.*

The first class comprise those who, like Zaccheus, sought and readily found "Him of whom Moses did write, Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews."

"Sometimes convinced sinners are enabled by divine grace to indulge the hope of pardon almost as soon as they feel the conviction of sin. Yea, some are led to see the evil of sin at first, more by the mercy of the gospel than the stern justice which appears in the law; but others are long and sorely harassed by fears of rejection, before they are brought to a comfortable expectation of forgiveness."—*Rev. J. A. James.*

The second class includes those who cry "oh that I knew where I might find Him," and who "shall strive and not be able," who "seek the Lord if haply they might feel after him and find him;" and, third, those who, Gallio-like, "care for none of these things."

"Alas, such is the desperate evil of our natures and the pernicious depravity of our character, that the message is despised, the invitation of the gospel feast is rejected."—*Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.*

"There are few more impressive proofs of human depravity than the general indifference of mankind to the subject of everlasting moment, and the *content* of the world for the happy few who are warmly devoted to the Saviour."—*Guide to young Disciples, (J.G.Pike.)*

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