

"*stand still*, and see the salvation of the Lord which He (not "*will* work for you " because we look back at a finished work, but) *has wrought* for us. We have to learn not only that God is the Deliverer, but *how* He does it, " see that great work which the Lord did " (ver. 31).

Then comes the word from the Lord to the people, " Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward " (ver. 15). "*Go forward*"! Why, the Red Sea is right before them and that (to sight) is, certain death! Yes, quite so, *to sight*; but " the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation (not *to sight* but) to every one *that believeth* " : and so we read, " By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, which the Egyptians (where there was no faith) assaying to do were drowned " (Heb. xi. 29). What weapon was it that man's unfaithfulness had put into Satan's hands? Death. What did the Lord Jesus do? He went down into the stronghold of the enemy, as it is written, " That *through death* He might destroy (or 'annul') him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and *deliver* them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage " (Heb. ii. 14, 15); and, " Our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished (or 'annulled'—same word as 'destroy' in Heb. ii. 14) death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel (2 Tim. i. 10). It is written of believers (1 Cor. iii), that, amongst other things, " death is ours." Instead