

praying, but I soon lose it. I am a miserable woman."

"When you went to church, or prayed, or read your Bible, did you rely on them to save you and give you comfort?"

"I think I did."

"Now read this verse, Matt. 11:28, 'Come unto ME, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' Jesus said this. Have you gone to Jesus for rest?"

The lady looked amazed, and tears filled her eyes. Light shone in upon her soul, and the scales fell from her eyes. She saw that only Jesus can save, and that He was willing to save everybody who came to Him.

TO A TRIED ONE.

"Thus saith the Lord God, in returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15. Verse 7, "Your strength is to sit still."

If the enemy hath done this, then, "The rod of the wicked one shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous."—Psalm 125:3. But if the Lord Himself in loving purpose hath done it, then it is, "That the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:7.—M. H.

FALSE AND TRUE.

Human morality is a bridge over the gulf of our depravity, on which you may advance even to the centre, but you will find it sawed off. And the virtues with which we think to swim the stream, are only as floating bladders

that carry us beyond our depth, and then break and let us down into the depth of our own iniquities. Every refuge of lies, every relief from a guilty conscience, every attempt to flee from hell and enter heaven, without Christ, is as if a man did flee from a lion and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand upon a wall, and a serpent stung him. Every staff without Christ is a broken, sharp, poisonous reed that pierces the soul.

Christianity begins with nothing but embraces and produces everything.—Come to Christ that you may receive grace from Him; come empty that you may be filled; come worthless that in Him you may be made worthy; come ignorant that in Him you may be enlightened; come without works that in Him you may be made rich in good works.

The very beauty and excellency of the gospel is that it puts down self and pride, and makes men rich by making them humble. And it makes them humble only by bringing them to Christ; rich only in Him, but in Him gives them the peace of God which passeth all understanding, and a joy unspeakable and full of glory. "Learn of Me" are His blessed words, and doing so what a heaven of rest the soul finds.

Every form of religion by works, salvation by works, is a denial and rejection of the Gospel, and a dismal, scrupulous, slavish system. It is a religion of bargain and purchase, of man, and not of God.

The great work of faith is to come to Christ, to rest on Christ, to be acquainted with Christ, to realize His preciousness, to have the life hid with Him in God. This communion of the soul with Christ and this life of the soul in and upon Him, is mainly maintained by prayer. A man comes to Christ by prayer in the first instance; coming to Christ by prayer may be the very first exercise of faith; faith indeed is just a believing look of the soul to Christ, and this itself is prayer.