

GOD STILL BESEECHING.

IN Old Testament times it was said, "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Is. i, 18).

When Jesus was on earth, it was true "that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, *not* imputing their trespasses unto them." (II Cor. v, 19-29); but Christ was rejected and crucified, and having been raised from the dead, and gone on high, God is again beseeching sinners to be reconciled unto Him; at the same time, convicting them of sin and demanding repentance. Believers in Christ, though once enemies, have been "reconciled to God by the death of His Son." Rom. v, 10). And God "now commandeth *all* men everywhere to repent; because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that *man* whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto *all* men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." (Acts xvii, 30, 31). It was man's wickedness that crucified Christ it is his folly to despise the message of reconciliation, and his everlasting ruin to "neglect so great salvation." (Heb. ii, 3). "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation." (II Cor vi, 2), and while it is said, "To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." (Heb. iii, 15), for to-morrow may be too late! God is still beseeching, but man neglecting!

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