

with great solemnity, and prostrated themselves where the corpse had been when the bullocks passed around it.

### "OUR FATHER."

Will the child who reads this ask himself, "Why am I so happy at home?" "If I am away, and anything goes wrong with me, why do I always wish I was at home again, as if every thing would be well with me there?" "Why do I love my father and my mother, my brothers and my sisters, better than anybody else in the world?" It will be easy to answer these questions, if you think a few minutes about them. Your father and mother knows much more than you; they can answer many of your hard questions; besides, they are strong; they can protect you from dangers; they love you, and will do every thing they can for you; this makes you feel very safe and happy where they are. They provide you food and raiment, watch your sick bed, comfort you in affliction. They are kind, gentle, watchful, and prayerful.

But is not God infinitely above any earthly friends, however dear? If we trust in God, he will never leave us nor forsake us. "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." Psalms xxvii. 10. Our earthly parents may die or be separated from us; we know not what a day may bring forth; but God knows all things. "The steps of the good man are ordered by the Lord."

Do you feel safe, little friends, if you have your hands in your father's when the thunder roars and the lightnings flash? He cannot shield you. You need a mightier protector. Who shall it be?—

God? Yes, God the Lord, he who rules the winds and the waves.



Once, when the disciples were on the sea of Tiberias, a fearful storm arose, and they thought they were surely going to perish. Jesus was with them. "And he arose and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace! be still! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." Ask God, who makes the tempest, and who governs it, to be by your side, for then only are you safe.

There are many important things which your earthly parents cannot teach you, particularly about God and eternity. "But the Comforter who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send, he will teach you all things."

Your father cannot save you from Satan, who goeth about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour; nor can he save you from God's justice at the day of judgment. Jesus "is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."

Now, have we not shown you that your heavenly Father, who offers to dwell with you, is more wise and more powerful than your own father and mother? that he is more watchful, more loving, always able to provide for your wants, comfort you when sickness comes,