

she was very foolish. Why would you think so? Because you know her prayer will not bring back the child. And yet we hear ministers of the Gospel, of whom it would be sacrilege to say that their minds are shocked or that they are foolish, praying for the Spirit of God to descend, who *themselves believe* that their supplications will not cause it to descend one moment sooner.

There is then a something in that doctrine that retards the progress of the Gospel, and in fact strikes at the very root of Christianity itself; by making man only a machine, at the mercy of the stern decree. This may seem a very hard conclusion, but it is the only one to which we can reasonably come. We have no doubt whatever, but some may read this, who will say we are wresting the scripture to our own destruction. We would just say to such, if God decreed that we should write this article they must take care lest they speak against God himself. We hope that such doctrines will soon pass away, and men will be enabled, to see that if they are not saved, it is not because Christ has not died, nor because God has decreed that they should not, but because of their own waywardness. Go then to that fountain filled with blood, and accept offered mercy. Remember that time is short, and you may soon be called to your final home. Are you prepared?

As to whether a man can thoroughly believe that doctrine and be saved, we will see in our next.

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THE GREAT TRANSITION.

At last the mandate came,
Past were the weary years;—
From Life's great Book another name,
The waiting angel hears.

The appointed hour had come,
Prepared a mansion stands,
Naught separates from the eternal home,
But a few ebbing sands.

"Harness the steeds of flame,
And take the chariot down;
Thou heard'st me read the unhonoured name,
Henceforth one of renown.

"The faithful o'er the small,
Shall rule o'er many things,
And they called last on earth's poor ball,
Shall here be priests and kings."