

of hell, and you are in the way to hell. God's voice is sounding in your ear, calling on you to stop. By means of afflictions, either personal or relative, or by worldly disappointments, by the word of God, or by the preaching of the truth, he is seeking to arrest you in your career of sin. Just as God used the woman to call James Wilson's attention to his dangerous condition, he may use a fellow worm to call your attention to the peril in which you are as a sinner, suspended over the brink of hell by the brittle thread of life. Bear in mind, however, that just as it was necessary for James Wilson, not only to *hear*, but to *heed*, the warning, so it is necessary for you, not only to *hear*, but also to *heed* the voice of God. We see that the blind man's own agency was needed in order to his salvation. It was not enough for the woman to cry "Stop!" It was necessary for him to hear and stop. He did so, and was saved from drowning. So, sinner, your own agency is needed in the matter of your salvation. You do not need to open up a way by which to return to God. This you cannot do, and need not attempt to do, because God has given his Son to be your Saviour, who has atoned for your sins in his death. The Spirit testifies of Jesus. He shows you your danger apart from Jesus, and Jesus as in every way suited to you. It is your duty to consider your state, to stop in your hell-ward course, to turn to God, by believing in Jesus. Had James Wilson simply neglected to listen to the woman's warning voice, he might have been drowned in the canal; so if you neglect the salvation that is in Jesus, and wander on heedlessly in the way of unbelief and sin, despising all God's counsel, and determined to have none of his reproof, you must perish. Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?

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RECEIVING A KINGDOM.

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."—Heb. xii. 28.

The chapter out of which these words are selected is one of the most sublime in the Bible. Here is a striking contrast drawn between the two dispensations: the law is set forth in all its terrific grandeur, and the gospel in all its glorious grace. In the passage we have

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