

GOD'S SALVATION.

Exodus xii.-xvii

There are three different classes of Christians seen here.

1. Those saved from God's judgment. 2. Those delivered from Egypt. 3. Those crossing the desert.

You have not yet started toward heaven if you have not owned yourself a poor lost sinner, for that is the very *first* point we have here. "The Blood of the Lamb" or the "judgment of God" was the tale told in Egypt.

Many, thank God, know the truth of this, and are able to say, "Being *now justified* by His Blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him," Rom. v. 9. But another point, CROSSING THE RED SEA. After being saved by the Blood of the slain lamb from judgment, now they are in danger of the *foe* who is pursuing them. Here they are completely delivered.

1 *Trusting in the Blood*; 2. *Seeing the salvation of God*.

Are there not some of you here that really trusted in Christ some time ago, yet you have been troubled since with doubts and fears. A whole host of things—lusts and passions—"the hosts of the Egyptians," following upon our heels, as it were. Well, thank God, just as the Red Sea covered all the Egyptians, so we learn that Christ's death has covered over not only all our *sins*, but *ourselves* as well—all we find within us. Just here they failed, and it is where we do too. Don't we often feel ashamed of ourselves because we find that a little trying circumstance sets us fretting and murmuring as though God did not love us at all. He wants us to trust Him for *our circumstances*, as well as for our sins. He wants us to learn *our own* hearts and *His* heart too, and gives us the privilege of witnessing for Him into the bargain. Next in order comes

MARAH and ELIM.

When a Christian that is passing through bitter circumstances learns to find Christ in them to sweeten them, then he is led to Elim, *i. e.*, pleasant circumstances, but not to stop there. They learn next to get their *food* from God. Christian, have you learned to get your food from God yet? that there is nothing in this world to satisfy your soul—plenty to satisfy the flesh—then that God has something for us, *Manna*; but it has to be *picked up*. So we have to pick up Christ, and the place we find Him is the *Word of God*; and then we need reminding that the time of gathering was "*early* in the morning." "Suffer the word" exhortation." You may be saved—delivered—not in bitter circumstances,