

Before the cross God's forbearance with man was in exercise: He was passing over sins in view of the work of Christ which was to be. Now He has come out in all the fulness of His love; and in virtue of a finished work, every poor soul who accepts this may bask in the sunshine of God's love on the "sunny side of Calvary," and thankfully say, "being justified *freely by His grace*:" Yes, *God really loves us all the time!* Do you believe it?

THE RETURN OF THE WANDERING SINNER.

The prodigal son on his return to his father found a more exalted place, and enjoyed, an intimacy very much greater than anything he had known before.

The "fatted calf" had never been killed for him, he had never been clothed in the best robe.

Whence was this? from what merit in him did it come?—Oh! none at all; it came only from the heart of love, of the One who gave the poor prodigal to know Him as his Father: "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." (Luke xv. 24).

THE PROMISES OF SATAN.

Satan promises what he never gives—AN ENDURING PLEASURE;

And he gives what he never mentions—AN ETERNAL TORMENT.

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