

dangers which threaten our soul and our eternal happiness? How foolish to be caught in the toils of an enemy just because we are not ready! A wise man surely will strive to make ready to meet the danger he sees, and who does not see that on the road he is travelling there are dangers ever present bidding him beware?

But how be ready for death? We may avoid the dangers which threaten life for a time, but soon the deadly current must do its work, and no insulating device of man can stay its course. Our need then surely is to be ready for what we cannot prevent and which may come suddenly.

Is there no remedy? Has the merciful Creator looked on in silence while mankind has gone plunging onward in the race of death? Not so. But man is never ready. God is ever ready. The testimony is "all things are ready," and the invitation is "Come."

God has prepared the way. God has made all things ready. Give thou heed to that much neglected book, which tells us that God would "have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

Yet it is the old story of the cross, and the One lifted up thereon, like as Moses lifted up the

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