

kept out (in that character) by the blood. "When I see the blood, I will pass over you," which was perfect security. It is not a question of *Safety*, but of *Salvation*, which are quite different, though often confounded. In Rom. i. 16, we are told that "The Gospel is *the power* of God *unto salvation* to every one that believeth." That is what Ex. xiv. shows; bringing out, in type, what the death and resurrection of Christ has done for every believer. The people there are in a dilemma; Pharaoh and his host are pursuing them, and the Red Sea before them. In this terrible plight they feel how powerless they are. Moses says to them, "Fear ye not, *stand still*, and see the *salvation of the Lord*, which He will (not 'shew to,' as in the authorized version, but) *work for you*" (ver. 13). What a word to a person bordering on despair, "Stand still!" The very last thing that any of us will do till brought to feel how powerless we are. How suited then comes the word, "When we were yet *without strength*, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom v. 6). And whilst this last named Scripture refers primarily to that period of time in the varied dealings of God with man, when the truth came out (manifested by his inability to keep the law) that he was "without strength"; still we have each one to learn it experimentally in our own souls (and that was the second lesson learnt, as we have seen, in Rom. vii. 18), before there is the giving up of every effort on our part, and we