

in itself—in the fire that kept it a bright molten mass. So in myself. I am black, I am cold, and I am hard, but if the Lord takes possession of my soul, if I am filled with love, if His Spirit fills my being, the blackness will go, and the coldness will go, and the hardness will go, and yet the glory does not belong to me, but to the Lord, who keeps me in a "sense of his love."

HOW SOULS ARE SAVED.

A dying publican's wife, in England, recently gave the following encouraging testimony, as narrated by the evangelist who visited her. He says:—I was asked to go to a public-house in Nottingham and see the landlady's wife, who was dying. I found her rejoicing in Christ as her Saviour. I asked her how she had found the Lord. 'Reading that' she replied, handing me a torn piece of newspaper. I looked at it and found that it was part of an American newspaper, containing an extract from one of Spurgeon's sermons, which extract had been the means of her conversion. 'Where did you get this newspaper from?' I asked. She answered, 'It was wrapped round a parcel which was sent me from Australia.' Talk about the hidden life of a good deed! Think of that—a sermon preached in London, conveyed to America, an extract reprinted in a newspaper there, that paper sent to Australia, part torn off (as we should say, accidentally,) for the parcel despatched to England, and after all its wanderings conveying the message of salvation to that woman's soul. God's Word shall not return unto him void.—*Christian Witness.*

COMMUNION WITH GOD.

The success of a Christian mainly depends upon a uniform and habitual communion with his God and Redeemer. No spasmodic resolutions, into which he may be exasperated by the goadings of conscience, can be a substitute for it. If holy communion and prayer are interrupted he will surely fall into sin. In this world of continual temptation and lethargic consciences we need to be awakened and awed by the serene splendor of God's holy countenance. But we cannot behold that amidst the vapor and smoke of every-day life. We must go into our closets and "shut the door, and pray to our Father, who seeth in secret." Then shall we know what a Sabbath that soul enjoys which, with open eye, looks long and steadily at the Divine perfections.

With what a triumphant energy, like that of the archangel trampling on the dragon, does Moses come down down from the Mount into the life of conflict and trial. With what a vehement spiritual force does a holy mind resist evil after it has just seen the contrast between evil and God. Will the eagle that has soared above the earth in the free air of the firmament of heaven, and has gazed into the sun with an undazzled eye, endure to sink and dwell in the dark cavern of the owl and bat? Then will the spirit which has seen the glorious light of the Divine countenance endure to descend and grovel in the darkness and shame of sin.—*Dr. Shedd.*

GIVE GOD HIS OWN.

First give yourself, then your child to God. It is but giving Him His own. Not to do it is robbing God. Always prefer virtue to wealth—the honour that comes from God to the honour that comes from men. Do this for yourself. Do it for your child. Give no heedless commands, but when you command require prompt obedience. Cultivate a sympathy with your child in all lawful joys and sorrows. Be sure that you never correct a child until you know that he deserves correction. Hear its story first and fully. Never allow your child to whine or fret, or to bear grudges. Early inculcate frankness, candour, generosity, magnanimity, patriotism, and self-denial. The knowledge and fear of the Lord are the beginning of wisdom. Never mortify the feeling of your child by upbraiding it with dullness. Never apply to epithets harsh, low, or degrading. Never loose your self-control in its presence. Never strike it when you are angry, nor punish it when you are under excitement.—*Mother's Magazine.*

Men may preach and the world will listen; but profit comes by example. A parent inculcates gentleness in his children by many precepts; but they see him treat a dumb animal in a very harsh manner, and in consequences, his instructions are worse than lost, or they are neither heeded nor respected.

Goethe made one utterance which it is possible many patient souls in some of our modern congregations will sympathize with, when he said "I will listen to any one's convictions, but pray keep your doubts to yourself. I have plenty of my own."