

light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved" (John iii. 20). Our merchants and shopkeepers have found out that there is safety in light, and they are putting this knowledge to good use.

When I was a boy, I remember that when I walked along any of our principal streets at night, the jewellers' shops, and others that had valuable things in them, would have heavy wooden or iron shutters to the windows; and these would be fastened with locks, or great iron bolts and bars. And all this was done for safety. But now, many of those same shops, as you may have seen, have no shutters at all to them. And others have only a thin wire grating over them. But, if you stop and look through one of those windows at night, you will find that the gas is lighted in the shop and kept burning. If a thief should get in there and begin to steal, he would be seen by the policeman, or the people going by. And so the thieves stay away. They are afraid to go in to the shop where the gas is burning. This shows us that there is safety in light.

And Jesus may well be called "the Light of the world," because He brings salvation wherever He comes. And salvation means safety. When we learn to know Him and trust in Him we are safe. Solomon says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe." (Prov. xviii. 10). And when David is speaking of the way in which God takes care of His people, he says, "He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe under His feathers; His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler" Psa. xci. 4 (Prayer Book version). Here God compares Himself to a bird that takes its little ones under its wings for safety. This is what Jesus said He wanted to do for the Jews, and they would not let Him (Matt. xxiii. 37). But He does this for all who love Him. When we learn to know Him and trust Him, it is just as if a beam of light had shined down on our path to show us the way to a safe hiding-place.

Not long ago a train of railway carriages was passing over the Alleghany mountains. It had reached a place where there was a deep precipice on one side, and a steep wall of solid rock that rose sheer up to a great height, on the other. The train was running along quite close to this rocky wall. All at once the whistle screamed the signal, "Down brakes! down brakes!"

The passengers were alarmed. They raised the windows and looked out, expecting to see or hear of some dreadful disaster. The engineer had discovered a little girl and her baby brother playing upon the lines, just a little way in front of the engine. It was impossible to stop the train in time, and it seemed as if the poor children must be crushed to death. But just at this moment the girls eye caught sight of a niche in the wall of rock, made by blasting. Snatching up her little brother, she jumped into this niche. And while the long train went thundering by, the passengers heard the gentle voice of the little girl saying, "Cling close to the rock, Johnny! cling close to the rock!"

How beautiful this was! And it shows us how Jesus makes his people safe. We are exposed to dangers worse than those which threatened that little girl. But Jesus sheds the light of His truth on our path. This shows us that He is the rock in which we may find a hiding-place. And when we look up to Him and say—

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee"—

then, like this little girl, we are "clinging close to the rock." And the safety which we find in doing this, is safety found in the light which Jesus gives us.

I remember of hearing of a tree somewhere in the East Indies, which illustrates very sweetly this part of our subject. This tree was what is called a non-conductor of lightning. This means that the tree had some strange power in it, which prevented the lightning from striking it. They have dreadful thunder-storms in that country. And when those storms burst, the thunder would roar, and the lightning would flash out, and strike other trees in the neighborhood; but it never touched this tree.

The people in the neighborhood found

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And when they saw the storms gathering, they would leave their houses, and come under the shelter of this tree for safety. And they always found it there. No matter how loud the thunder, or how sharp the lightning was, they were safe under that tree. The lightning never struck that tree, and nobody under the shelter of it was ever hurt.

What a beautiful illustration this is of the tree of Calvary—the cross on which Jesus died for us! The Bible tells us of "the wrath to come." This will be the storm of God's anger against sinners. It will be dreadful when that storm bursts. But the lightning of God's wrath will never strike the tree of Calvary—the Cross on which Jesus died. All who are under the shadow of this tree will be safe. And Jesus sheds the light of His Gospel around us in order to show us the way to this tree. And Jesus may well be called "the Light of the world," because there is safety in light.

And so we see there are four things for which we are dependent on the light. These are life, and growth, and beauty, and safety. And as the light of the natural sun brings these four blessings to our bodies, so the light which Jesus, the sun of righteousness, gives, secures the same sort of blessings to our souls.

Let us be thankful that we have this light. "And while we have the light, let us walk in the light, that we may be children of the light." I pray God that each of you, my dear young friends, may be able to say, as Dr. Bonar says in one of his sweet hymns—

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
I am this dark world's light,
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise,
And all thy days be bright.

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