

should HEAR and BELIEVE. The Jews, we are told, came to our Lord and said : "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said unto them : "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent."— (*John vi. 29.*)

Faith is said by the Apostle Paul to be the gift of God. He tells us also how that gift is bestowed; and his information on this point comes as the deduction from all his previous reasoning: "So then faith cometh by HEARING, and hearing by the WORD OF GOD."—(*Rom. x. 17.*) Faith, then, comes from the simple hearing of God's word, which is the blessed declaration of His will.

Here then is life eternal placed before you. The Saviour, pointing to the uplifted serpent in the wilderness, said: "EVEN SO must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." He spake of a life which is communicated as *instantaneously* as it is *freely*. It is given not merely without money, but absolutely without delay.—"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the