

by quicklime. A man had tried to hide his sin and failed. There is always a clue, and as the thread is followed turn by turn, the culprit is at last discovered, and he knows he is hidden no longer. He never was hidden.

God will hide us in Himself. There no condemnation will reach us. We are safe from the arrow that flieth by day, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday, for He shall cover us with His feathers, and under His wings shall we trust. Under the waters of the ocean lie many sins of men. Many a gallant ship and many a brave man have been sent to their end by cruelty and avarice. In dark grotto and deep valley they rest. Over them is the still water. On the troubled surface men sail to and fro in the sunlight, knowing nothing of the sin and sorrow hidden below. This is the love of God coming to every heart as the ocean laves every shore. Though sins rise as high as mountains or sink ever so deep, the love of God can hide them as the sea levels up valleys and hills and covers them all.

To be hidden in Christ is to be safe from more than condemnation. The fiery dart of the wicked one and the sting of death lose their terror and their power. In temptation the gates of hell do not prevail against us. Our feet are set upon a rock and all our goings established by Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before His face. To us, as to Moses, God says, "I will put thee in the cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by."

II.—THE SANCTITY OF THE HIDDEN LIFE.

Set your affections upon things above, and not on things on the earth, for ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. We died with Christ to the penalty of sin. The law has no power of the dead, for he is in higher hands. That is the negative side. The positive side of the change is this, that we have been raised in the freshness and vigor of a new life and sit in heavenly places. So far as by faith we live this glorified life, we are hidden in God from the world. Once we were hidden in the world, lost in its cares and schemes. Now the centre of our life is changed. When one life is hidden in another it becomes an echo or counterpart. Sometimes the affection between parents and children is so strong that the young people re-produce the opinions, prejudices and habits of their elders. Whether it is always an advantage or not, it is often true.

When lofty principles of conduct are thus made the rule in the life of a rising generation, and they add unblotted pages to the history of a godly house, we can only be thankful that lives can be hidden in youth to re-appear in glory afterward.

When husband and wife climb the hill of life together and love with an affection which has stood every strain, they come to think the same thoughts