

The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.—Prov. v. 21.

You struggle to get some sense of pardon, or you catch at some frames and feelings, and down you go into the depths of despondency."

"Am I then to be content without a sense of pardon and peace, and a feeling of love and joy in a salvation from guilt and sin?"

"Most assuredly not. Never rest, my friend, until you find not only pardon, but an assurance of it. But how did you get to feel at ease resting on such an unstable element as water?"

"I got to believe that it could support me, and I saw it supported others, and after a few trials, when I trusted myself on it, and felt it supported me, I lost all fear, and could throw myself into it at any depth."

"Just so; you *believed* the truth that water could support you, and acted on that belief. That is to say, *you trusted it, and then you felt* it held you up. It is the very same with Christ and His Word; believe in Him, *i.e.*, trust Him practically, and then you will feel that He supports or saves you."

(With a deeply thoughtful look.) "I think I now see where I was wrong, and I am sorry for having dishonoured the Saviour so much. But how am I to trust Him?"

"How did you learn to float?"

"Oh! as soon as I had trusted to the water alone without looking for any other thing to support me, I found I was safe, and could throw myself on it freely."

"My dear young friend, do the same with Jesus Christ. Is His word in the gospel not to be trusted as much as the law which governs that most unstable element, water? He says 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and *I will give you rest.*'"

At once he accepted the word of God, and rested on a sure foundation. He never lost his new-found peace, and the change he felt in himself was seen by others, and though his life was not prolonged, he was enabled to bear his testi-

mony in favor of a free and full salvation by both life and lip.

Take Christ as He is freely offered by the Father. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT perish, but have everlasting life." Into this ocean of the grace of God cast yourself with infinitely more confidence than you commit your body to the unstable and treacherous waters of the sea. The great and wide sea is broad enough to bear on its ample bosom the vast fleets of commerce and the navies of the world—all may float on its surface and pass from land to land on this highway of the nations. The ocean of grace is deeper and wider, for it covers a world's sins, and could bear worlds of sinners on its surface, safe, as in the bosom of God. Can men trust themselves to float on the faithless deep, and cannot you by faith cast yourselves on the sure mercies of a covenant God in Christ? From learning to float know what it is to be saved by faith.

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A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.—Prov. xxii. 1.

If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.—Prov. ix. 12.