

No ; it is Christ in us, for He sends none a warfare on their own charges." She then repeated the passage in Romans viii. 35-39, and had just begun to pray when the waters went over her. But just at that moment her persecutors made one effort more to overcome her firmness. They drew her up before her breath was gone, held her head above the water till she could speak, and asked "If she would now pray for the king!" and a voice from the crowd cried, "Dear Margaret, say, 'God save the king! say, God save the king!'" She answered that "She wished the salvation of all men, and damnation of none." Hearing this, some of the bystanders, eager to save her life, exclaimed, "She is willing to conform." Upon which they offered her the oath of Abjuration, telling her that she must return to the water unless she swore it. "I will not (was her reply); I am one of Christ's children. Let me go." Immediately one of the soldiers let her down, and with his halbert kept her head under the water, till life was extinct and she was gone to be with Him who had enabled her to be faithful unto death!

"These things scarcely apply to us" (perhaps some of you say), "for we are not likely to be put to the same test as Margaret Wilson." You may never be tested in quite the same way, and yet you may be as really tried and proved, so that nothing will give you victory but your seeing Him whom Stephen saw, (Acts vii: 56,) and whom Margaret Wilson saw in the hour of danger.

The Gospel; or Forty Views of God in Romans.

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HE "GOSPEL OF GOD" i. 1, is the "TRUTH OF GOD" iii. 25, telling of the "GRACE OF GOD" v. 15, as manifested in and through the "GIFT OF GOD" vi. 23, that gift being the "SON OF GOD" i. 4, in whom was displayed not only the "GOODNESS OF GOD" ii. 4, but also the "LOVE OF GOD" v. 5, and by him was declared the true

"NAME OF GOD" ii. 24. This gift was not prompted by a mere passing impulse or fancy, but was bestowed in accordance with the "PROMISE OF

GOD" iv. 20, as uttered by the "WORD OF GOD" ix. 6. The glory of the Gospel lies in the truth that this gift was bestowed upon men who were "HATERS OF GOD" i. 30, men who had no "FEAR OF GOD" iii. 18, before their eyes, men who were violating the "LAW OF GOD" vii. 25, and in this we see the wondrous "FORBEARANCE OF GOD" iii. 25. Not however a forbearance prompted by a sense of inability to punish, for the "POWER OF GOD" i. 16, was omnipotent, and the "RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD" i. 17, demanded that the "WRATH OF GOD" i. 18, and the "JUDGMENT OF GOD" i. 32, should be visited upon the offender. But it was not the "WILL OF GOD" i. 10, that man should perish; and the tender "MERCIES OF GOD" xii. 1, suggested the gift of a substitute, and now the "SPIRIT OF GOD" viii. 9, takes of the "ORACLES OF GOD" iii. 2, and unfolds to man the "PERFECT WILL OF GOD" xii. 2, which is, that man should accept the proffered gift, and by it secure the "PEACE OF GOD" i. 7, which belongs to those who, by faith, become the "CHILDREN OF GOD" viii. 16, and "SONS OF GOD" viii. 14, having all the privileges which flow from being "HEIRS OF GOD" viii. 17, yea as the "BELOVED OF GOD" i. 7. And the heirship is no mean one, it is to the "KINGDOM OF GOD" xiv. 17, wherein we shall witness and share in the "GLORY OF GOD" v. 2. Such, we are told, is the "PURPOSE OF GOD" ix. 11, concerning us, and His word confirms this to us, by stating that the "GIFTS AND CALLING OF GOD" xi. 29, are without repentance. In the same Gospel, we are reminded that though sons, we are at the same time "SERVANTS OF GOD" vi. 22; called to the pleasant and honorable "SERVICE OF GOD" ix. 4, and that as "MINISTERS OF GOD" xiii. 4, with the Divine ordination upon us, carrying with it that which no earthly laying on of hands could convey, namely, the power to bring forth lasting fruit (John xv. 16), we should ever be clad with the "ZEAL OF GOD" x. 2, and be ready at all times to give the "ANSWER OF GOD" xi. 4, to friend or foe—enquirer or caviller. We must ever admit our utter inability to fathom the depth, or to scale the height of this wondrous gospel, yet while our *finite* minds may not grasp the *infinite* design, our unloosened tongues may cry aloud "O the depth of the riches both of the WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out," xi. 33.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?—spurn the offers of such a gospel? All such shall experience the just and righteous "SEVERITY OF GOD" xi. 22, and will have to own amid endless torments, that the Judge has decreed aright; while amid the joys of endless bliss, the saved shall shout aloud "TO GOD ONLY WISE, BE GLORY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST FOR EVER. AMEN." xvi. 27.