

saying, "God is merciful: and if we do no wrong to our neighbor, and live a decent, sober life, He will not punish us like the rest of the wicked." But remember Jericho. Man, woman, and child, all alike perished at the Lord's command. The time for judgment had come, and there was no refuge but under the shelter of the scarlet line. God is indeed most merciful and gracious; He has given the blood of His own Son for guilty sinners; He points to *that* as the proof of His mercy and love. The sinner that has sought a refuge there is safe.

But where was Rahab in the destruction! Her house was upon the wall, the very wall which tottered and fell down flat. And she was buried in the ruins? No. Her house fell not, for there was the scarlet line in the window. When all reeled to and fro around, when crash after crash of the