

Your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
1 John ii. 12.

"PLEASE, ALLOW ME."

S was told lately, by a young man who had been in Scotland, that he came one day to a gate, when the gate-keeper's little girl ran down to open it, saying, "You have not to pay anything to pass; you have only to say, 'Please allow me to go through,'" and the gate is immediately opened. The owner just wished to preserve the right of entrance, that was all. So simply "ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."—*Spurgeon.*

THE hankering after applause springs from vanity. What are we? Did we create and fashion ourselves? No; we are His workmanship.

When a boy receives a prize at school, he may hold up his head amongst his fellows saying, "I am better than you!" But had he humility of mind he would go to the master and hand up the prize to him saying, "You taught me, and it is through your kindness and wisdom that I occupy this front position to day."

Inspired by this beautiful spirit, you will not see the redeemed in Heaven wearing their crowns. They are kings, nobler kings than any seen on earthly thrones, but as each receives his glorious crown, he takes it off and kneels down at the feet of Jesus, saying, "Let my crown rest there!" Who could wear his crown in the presence of Jesus, for did He not lay down His life for us? did He not seek us in childhood, in middle age, and some of you in old age, until He found you? And will He not keep by us bearing with us until He has us safe in glory? Come, then, let us in humility of mind, be content, if Jesus gets the praise.

No one is so strong that he can afford to play with sin.

CLEVER atheist informed the public by placards on the wall, that on a certain night he was going to give a lecture, the title of which was "A Plea for my Heresy."

A Christian need not make any excuse for his faith in God; but I think an atheist cannot rest unless he makes some plea or excuse for doubting the existence of the good, loving heavenly Father of whom Jesus teaches. The Christian believer is fixed like a well-built lighthouse on an everlasting rock; but the atheist is like a house on the sand, and a large portion of his time is needed in making excuses for his self-assumed insanity.

THERE is a Gaelic proverb which says, "If the best man had his faults written on his forehead, he would always wear his hat over his eyes." Yes, it is so; but it is a blessing that nobody knows all our faults, excepting God and His angels. A man will strive earnestly to get rid of some great sin, such as drunkenness, or swearing; but should we not also strive to put away our little faults?

For our little errors
Lead the soul away
From the path of virtue,
Far in sin to stray.

Let us try to get rid of anything in us or belonging to us that is contrary to the truth. Let us be open and "above board" in everything we do; and thus adorn the religion of our Saviour.

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GOD is a sure paymaster. He may pay at the end of the week, month, or year; but I charge you remember He pays in the end.—*Anne of Austria.*

The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.
Titus ii. 11.