

Thou crownest the YEAR with thy goodness.—Ps. lxxv. 11.

The Time to Seek.

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IT IS TIME TO SEEK THE LORD—Hosca x. 12.



FRESH from the Throne, so early in this new year, comes this startling message! It is sent to you, dear friend.

It is **TIME** to seek the Lord! Just now! Not another day, not a later hour, but *now* is the time in which God wishes to save you.

Are you willing to seek His free salvation *now*? Will you not come now to Christ to knock for admission into His kingdom,—His family? Oh! friend, it is **TIME** to seek the Lord.

Your *sins* shall not hinder you from seeking the Lord. They are your cause for coming. Hear ye Him! "I, even I, am He that blot-teth out thy trans-gressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Isa. xliii. 25.

It is time to **SEEK THE LORD**. You have been seeking *friends*, now it is time to seek the Lord, whose friend-ship is so sweet and satisfying to the friendless soul; He is the only constant, abiding Friend, all-powerful to aid, ever filled with loving-kindness for those

who are made nigh to Him by the blood of Christ. He seeks your friendship, *even yours*.

Hitherto you have been seeking popularity: know that popularity with the world is variance with God. Be at peace with the Lord of all the earth. "In His favor is *life*," and that precious life is life-everlasting! You have been seeking wealth. Now, "it is time to seek *the Lord*." No amount of wealth is wealth without the Lord. Seek *His face*. In possession of *Him* you possess all things. Seek to become a *son* of God, and you shall become joint-heir with Christ of all the wealth of Heaven.

SEEK THE LORD! Oh! let this Royal Com-

mandment enter your ears, your heart and home, and let His great love constrain you to obey the Heavenly voice. Seek Him now, dear friend.

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Ashamed of Self.

REMEMBER hearing of a young convert who got up to say something for Christ in the open air. Not being accustomed to speak, he stammered a good deal at first, when an infidel came along and shouted out: "Young

man, you ought to be ashamed of yourself, standing and talking like that." "Well," the young man replied, "I'm ashamed of myself, but I'm not ashamed of Christ." That was a good answer

Hedley Vicars took a very good way when he laid down his open Bible on the mes-s-table, and when his brother officers began to laugh and joke at it, he began to defend it.

I had a conver-tion some time ago with a man in America, and we talked about con-fessing Christ. "Well," he said, "I must go home and confess Christ to-night." When he got home he couldn't help feel-

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I have Loved thee with an everlasting Love.—Jer. xxxi. 3.
Behold, what manner of Love the Father hath bestowed.
God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.—John iii. 16.



God loved the world of sinners: lost
And ruined by the fall;
Salvation full, at highest cost,
He offers free to all.

Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love!
The love of God to me;
It brought my Saviour from above,
To die on Calvary.

Love brings the glorious fulness in,
And to His saints makes known
The blessed rest from inbred sin,
Through faith in Christ alone.

The fruit of the Spirit is Love.—Gal. v. 22.
Love one another, for Love is of God.—1 John iv. 7.
Keep yourselves in the Love of God.—1 John ii. 27.

ing a little timid, and his wife said, "What's the trouble?" He had made up his mind it would be good to begin by erecting a family altar. Next morning he got up half an hour earlier and called for his family, and, taking his Bible, he read a bit, and when he got down to pray he couldn't make a long prayer, but God blessed him, and his whole family were soon converted.

The fact is, man wants his own way, and God would teach him that He must take his will. When a man gives up his will and says, "Lord, I take thee to be my Prophet, Priest, and King," then he learns to confess Christ.—D. L. Moody.