

servant Moses, God seems to have almost more regard to the children than the grown-up people. With great frequency and earnestness He exhorts the fathers to teach His precepts and commandments to their children, and by daily conversation to impress them on the receptive minds of their little ones. When entering into covenant with Abraham, He remembered the whole household. When the law was read before all the people, God commanded the children also to be gathered, and makes special mention of the children of the stranger "within thy gates, and that their children, which have not known anything, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God." Thus Joshua read the law before all the congregation, "with the women, and all the little ones." When Jesus sends His messengers, He sends them not merely to the individual, but to the whole family. "Peace be to this house," is their salutation, and their message, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—*Saphir*.

OUR YOUTH DUE TO GOD.

"Devote your young years to a good God, and your loving Saviour. The first fruits are to be offered to him. The green ears of our youth are to be carried to his sanctuary. Think it not pity that the vain delights and sinful pleasures of youth should be lost: you shall but exchange them for spiritual delights, which are far more excellent, inward, and lasting. The joy of the Holy Ghost, the rejoicing of a good conscience, communion with God, the sense of his love, and the hope of heaven, are far better than the pleasures of sin, and will more than recompense your loss of youthful and carnal delights. And consider this seriously, that none have usually more comfort in their souls than those who are willing to lose their sinful comforts for God and their soul's sake.

Remember that you must give an account to God how you spend your youth, as well as your old age. Consider, young as you are, how many years are already spent; and what account are you able to give to God of them? One day spent in sin is too much; and the sins of one hour deserve a hell. Younger than you are dead and gone. Let the thoughts of them remind you seriously of your account. Your call to God's bar may be next. Are you ready? Think often what expense of time may be best accounted for to God; and so spend your younger days, as you will wish you had spent them when you come to die and be judged.

Suppose God should call you away suddenly—what sentence could you expect from him? Are you ready, if the Bridegroom should now come? Mat. xxv. 6. It will be no excuse at Judgment, if you be found in your sins, to say, Lord, I was but young. He that is old enough to sin, is old enough for hell. You cannot make sure of God's love, and an interest in Christ, too soon.

Consider those young ones in Scripture, who are commended for their early piety. Samuel was ministering to God in his childhood, 1 Sam. ii. 18. Josiah had a tender heart for God in his tender years, 2 Kings, xxii. 19. Children sang hosannas to Christ, Mat. xxi. 15. Timothy was