

THE MISSION CIRCLES.

A DEVOTIONAL PAGE.

The Three-fold Invitation for To-day.

I. Isaiah 45: 22—Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Personal—From God the Father: "I—God—none else." To "all the ends of the earth." Condition; "Look!"—unto God. Result; "Be saved."

II. Matt. 11: 28—Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Personal—From God the Son: "I"—Jesus. To "all that labour and are heavy laden. Condition—"Come!"—unto Jesus. Result—He "will give—rest."

III. Revelation 22: 17—The Spirit and the bride say, Come . . . And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Personal—From God—"the Spirit." To "whosoever." Condition—"will" to accept. Result—"take the water of life freely."

A. Has the Invitation sufficient authority? It is from God, "and there is none else." We either honor Him by our acceptance, or we despise Him by our neglect. 1. Samuel 2: 30, last part; Heb. 2: 3; 1 Thess. 4: 8; Heb. 10: 29.

B. Is it inclusive? ALL—ALL—WHOSOEVER.

C. Is the Condition of I too difficult? We need not move hand nor foot, nor utter sound, only LOCK! Look to God.

But God is a Spirit. How can we look unto a Spirit? Hear Jesus tell: John 14: 6, last half; 14: 9, middle clause; 10: 30. Does the Condition of II. puzzle? We do not know how to COME? Then we go back to I. and LOOK. THE LOOKING unto Jesus IS the abandoning of self—THE COMING to the One who saves.

Or is the Condition of III. giving trouble? We do not WILL to take? Such a thought should not for a moment be entertained; it is "the messenger of Satan to buffet" us—2 Cor. 12: 7. Let him not get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices"—2 Cor. 2: 11.

And again we go back to I., and, LOOKING to God WE WILL to say, "Our wills are ours to make them Thine." See Philipians 2: 13; 1: 6.

D. Is the Result worth considering? SALVATION. REST. LIFE.

"Tis life whereof our nerves are scant;

Ah, life not death for which we pant;

More life and fuller that we want."

With these results secured, we ourselves are authorized to invite whomsoever we will. Rev. 22: 17.

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