

while you are believing "in Him" as the Son of God, and believing the truth about Him, viz: that He did not die for you, yet you "have" *not* everlasting life; "and thus the truth of God is reversed and turned into a lie. What then? Let God be true though every man who maintains such a theory should be a liar. It is because Jesus "by the grace of God tasted death for every man," (Heb. 2. 9.) that He says "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." To conclude: Upon what condition was the Jew cured? It was by looking to the brazen serpent. Upon what condition does the sinner become possessed of eternal life? By "believing" in the uplifted Saviour. Then surely the condition is not alike in both cases? Yes, dear reader, here too there is a beautiful similarity. The one case illustrates and throws light upon, the other; and thus we shall see the true nature of faith. It was not the soul, but the body of the Jew that required to be cured. Hence he had to look to the serpent with the bodily eye. It is not the body, but the soul of the sinner that requires to be cured or "converted." Hence he has to look with the eye of his mind to the uplifted Saviour. Bodily eyesight is one of the gateways of knowledge. When the Jew turned his dying eye in the direction of the uplifted serpent he saw it. Hence he immediately *knew* that it was there, and that it was put there by the command of God to cure him. Thus through the gateway of his eyesight the knowledge of the presence of the uplifted serpent was conveyed to his mind; and through the uplifted serpent the knowledge of the long suffering, forbearance, and love of God. All this knowledge was the result of looking. Thought is the eye of the mind, and, like the bodily eye, a great gateway of knowledge. It is by thinking about this or that matter when presented to us, and weighing the evidence for and against, that we come to know or "*see*" whether it is true. And when you, fellow sinner, think about, and weigh the evidence for the truth that Jesus died for you, you shall come to believe it, and know that it is true. Know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

This then is the true nature of faith, thinking a thing to be true on the ground of sufficient evidence? We think the evidence is overpowering. He testifies in the most unmistakable terms that Jesus "tasted death for every man." And you can only continue to think that this may not be true by calling God a liar. As it is written, "He that believeth not the record which