

## PEACE UPON ISRAEL.

GOD'S WAYS WITH THE JEW, S. S.,  
RELATED BY HIMSELF.

(CONTINUED.)

I communicated to the editor of the St. Petersburg newspaper all that I had heard and found through R., but for reasons easily understood my letter was not noticed. I also wrote to my dear mother, of whom, when I had found the Messiah, I at once thought, for I knew how she, under the pressure of the law and the Talmud, longed for deliverance. But she did not understand my first letter, believed my head had become weak, and begged me to ask for leave and come home. I then wrote her a second and longer letter. She replied with terrible words, that she would rather not see her child any more if he wished to apostatize from the faith of her fathers.

Three or four years of suffering and trial followed. The pain of being now separated from and cast off by my mother, who loved me so dearly, almost broke my heart. I had had many anxious thoughts about my future, and the consequences of accepting Jesus Christ as my Saviour, but I had not given place to them, and my desire for salvation was so great, that I could only say to myself, "Here God shows thee now a way in which thou canst be saved, and thou hast to choose between eternal condemnation and God's proffered eternal salvation." Notwithstanding it was grievous not to be any longer my mother's child! But the voice of the Spirit of God conquered, and my

greatest sorrow then was that my dear mother did not share with me the happiness of knowing the Lord

Another temptation assailed me now, namely, to keep to myself, as a secret treasure, the salvation of God, so as not to lose my situation as a teacher, which I knew would be the case as soon as I openly professed Christianity. I often cried in prayer in the stillness of night: "Lord, Thou knowest I have not sought Thee, Thou hast sought and found me. So show me now Thy way and lead me." And the Lord gave me grace, not to put His light under a bushel; and my situation as teacher in the Jewish institution I naturally relinquished.

Then Mr. R. and others wished me to become a paid missionary to the Jews. But although I would have worked with joy for the Lord and His gospel among "my brethren according to the flesh," I could not do it on those terms. The picture of the labour of the apostle Paul, which I found in the New Testament, arose before me, and I told my friends that I felt myself compelled to learn a trade—that of a locksmith—in order, later, to be able to carry on the service of the gospel entirely, or as much as possible, without cost, which to me appeared particularly important among Jews, who often impute impure motives to those who work among them.

My friends laughed or shook their heads doubtfully at the thought that I, at the age of twenty-five, should wish to learn a trade. But that did not disturb me. I had the conviction that my plan was of the Lord;