

Yet the humblest of men are made the bearers of it.

I. The Divine courage in committing it to such instruments of distribution.

II. The Divine condescension in so honoring men.

III. The reason of this; the more perfect revelation of God's glory, since (a) all the power must clearly proceed from Him, (b) be earnestly sought from Him, (c) all the glory, now and forever, rendered to Him both by the preacher and the recipient.

Hiding from God.

Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him, etc.—Rev. vi: 16.

I. The attempt:

In trying to ignore or forget Him. The ostrich burying its head in the sand when pursued.

II. In making a moral life serve as a substitute for a Godly one.

III. In denying responsibility to Him, or building a barricade of excuses for sin.

IV. The failure. "Whither shall I flee from thy presence," etc.—Ps. lxxxix: 7. Final failure. "Hide us from," etc.—Rev. vi: 16. "All things naked and open," etc.

V. Success. Hiding from God by hiding in Him.—Ps. xvii: 8. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.—Ps. xxvii: 5. Pavilion. A man a hiding place.

Revival Service.

A God in Trouble for the Sinner.
How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?

—Hos. xi: 8.

THE passionate outcry of Jehovah and that of Christ over Jerusalem show the same mystery of trouble and perplexity arising from the compassions of God.

I. They reveal that God is not impassive like the Hindu's Grand Llama, but exquisitely sensitive to human affairs.

II. It shows the preciousness of souls in His sight even when apostate and defiled.

III. It reveals by suggestion the

terribleness of man's doom, when once abandoned of God, and the lions of wrath and tigers of remorse seize upon him as their rightful prey.

Mighty to Save.

I that speak in righteousness mighty to save.—Isa. lxiii: 1.

THE mightiness of God mirrored in the fabrication, sustentation, and sovereignty of all worlds. But chiefly revealed in the work of salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ. The mightiness of His wrath in the destruction of His foes, but the omnipotence of love in their eternal salvation.

I. Mighty power seen in the contest with Satan for the conquest.

II. In the contest with men for the overcoming of an alienated heart and rebellious will.

III. In the warfare of His redeemed all through life as the Captain of their salvation. "Fear not, I shall overcome the world," etc.

Funeral Service.

The Time is Short.

But this I say, brethren: The time is short. It remaineth therefore that both they that have wives be as though they had none, and they that weep as though they wept not, and they that rejoice as though they rejoiced not, and they that use this world as not abusing it. For the fashion of this world passeth away.—1 Cor. vii: 29-32.

LIKE marshaled armies with muffled tramp, the moments, hours, days, months, years glide by unnoticed and too often unimproved. Hence the need and force of this Pauline counsel.

There is no sadness in his voice—simply an awakening recognition of the fact that the fashion of this world passeth away. In the thought of the Eternal One human life is more brief than in our thought is the life of the most trivial insect. A realization of the fact stated ought:

I. To lead men to lay aside every unnecessary engagement and care,