

able requirement, nor will he suffer those who are led by his spirit to do violence or cruelty. Yet Abraham manifested his faith just as much as if the requirement had been a divine command. For God delights to observe the quality of faith as it is the highest test of love.

Jonah, on the other hand, when commanded to preach to the Ninevites through want of faith brought suffering and danger to himself and also upon those around him.

"It is not all of life to live  
Nor all of death to die."

By our disobedience, we bring danger and sorrow on those around us. If we have anything unsound in our doctrines, if we have anything at error in our practices—that is bringing sorrow into our lives—let us search for it and cast it overboard. Some slight evil permitted in our character may bring destruction and ruin to all the nobler qualities. Let us awaken to a sense of our situation and cry to God, the alone redeeming and saving power. Salvation *is* of the Lord. Mark the present tense of the verb, it is present and practical. It will truly save from sin, from transgression of the law of God in the soul.

Zaccheus feeling a sense of remorse, the pricks of conscience, acted according to the best opportunities of the occasion. Being small of stature and desiring to see and be seen by the Master, perched himself up in a sycamore tree. The Master, with the discerning spirit, saw his condition, called to him, went home with him and dined. Christ was cognizant of the motive in his heart: He saw it was going through the baptismal regeneration that resulted in a complete change that made him feel willing to rectify as far as he could, his past errors. "If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." And behold the answer, "This day is salvation come to this house." This is the result of an honest confession. The outflowing of Christ's love will to-

day mee:—and surround the contrite heart. Salvation has not been purchased, but we have to labor for it, and yet it is a free gift of God. It is a legal inheritance from our Heavenly Father, depending only upon our acceptance, and we may become not only a child of God, but also heir of the kingdom and joint heir with Jesus Christ. If we permit ourselves to be led by the spirit of God we will become the heirs of God. Let us not give way to remorse or weariness, but bear the vexations of life and the persecutions of enemies manfully and heroically, doubting nothing. If we will but trust to the spirit we will find it to be all sufficient and ever ready. God never commands us to do anything but what he grants along with it the required ability. The mistakes are all on the part of man. The little self-denials are the ways by which souls are brought into reconciliation with our Maker. It is by laying down our lives, our wills, that we show our greatest love to God. There are various doctrines, but only one way—obedience to the law of God in the soul.

I feel required to present my views on baptism. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Baptism is the inflowing of the life and presence of God's spirit in the human soul. If we experience and practice this inner baptism I am not afraid of a non-performance of the outward form. It is simply an ordinance and not saving.

Some look upon the resurrection as some great and final change that is to happen to these bodies. Jesus did not teach it. He said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." This is not said of the man dead physically, but to the man dead in trespasses and sins, dead spiritually. If we practice what we honestly believe, we will be redeemed from a condition of death, we will be resurrected from a condition of spiritual death in this present world.