

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked.
Psalm xxxii. 10.

DON'T NEGLECT THIS MESSAGE.



J. W. had run away from home and plunged into a life of dissipation. One day a letter was received by him. He tore it open, hoping to find some money in it, but seeing only a closely written letter, with an oath he thrust it into his box. A year later he lay in the hospital dying. Suddenly he thought of the long neglected letter. He asked a companion to take it out and read it. He did so, and read: "My dear son,— Do come home, and mother says so too. I have paid for your passage home by the ship _____, and the captain will pay the price of your liberty. Make no delay. Come!"

Never shall I forget the neglecter's agony and despair as he now listened to the father's message which had, from his own wilful misconduct, been received *too late*.

Young man, how is it with you? God has sent a message of love. Have you read the invitation? To-morrow may be too late. Don't neglect the message. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD.



Napoleon Bonaparte was reviewing his troops, and as he sat, allowed the reins to fall upon the horse's neck. Shortly after, the animal taking fright, darted off, and the Emperor was in danger, when a private soldier sprang from the ranks, seized the bridle, and placed the reins in Napoleon's hands. "Thank you, *captain*," said the Emperor. "Of what regiment, sire," asked the soldier. "Of my own guards," was the answer. Instantly acting upon these words, the man cast aside his musket and walked over to where the staff officer stood.

When told to go back to the ranks, he said, "No, I am a captain."

"A captain? Who said so?"

"HE said so," answered the man, pointing to the Emperor.

Friend, shall an Emperor's word be taken, and the word of the King of Kings be doubted or despised? Does His word not tell us, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Young friend, take Him at His word. It never fails.

He that believeth not the Son shall not see life.
John iii. 36.