

deceit. God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. My righteousness I hold fast and will not let it go; my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.' And now, my dear reader, these are Job's thoughts of himself, and we find in the 1st ch. 8th v., that God acknowledges him as the best man on the earth. 'And the Lord said unto Satan, hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil?' But Job though he was very religious, very perfect and very upright, none like him in the earth, yet he had never met God, never yet had he been in God's presence, never yet had he known the sinfulness of a proud heart—proud of his reputation, and of his good thoughts of himself.

When He is brought into God's presence what a wonderful change comes over him, see chap. 40; 4, 'Behold I am vile, what shall I answer Thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken, but I will not answer; yea, twice, but I will proceed no further. 40; 4-5. And again in the 42nd; 5, 'I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eyes seeth Thee. Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes.' Now Job sees himself, not in the sight of men, but in the presence of God, and all his good opinion of himself goes down into the dust. In the sight of men, none so good as Job. In the presence of God none so vile as that man Job, and this must be true of every man when he comes into the presence of God. We see the same thing in Isaiah vi. 1-5. And in Daniel x. 8. 'For my comeliness was turned in me into corruption.' And Isaiah, 'Woe is me! for I am undone: because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;

for mine eyes have seen the King the Lord of hosts.'

And the Psalmist could say, 'Enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.' Here we have three witnesses of three of the best men that ever lived on the earth, Job, Isaiah, and Daniel, as to this; what a man, not a bad man thinks of himself when he comes into God's presence. And now Job's question is a very pertinent one, when he says, 'I know it is so of a truth; but how shall man be just with God.'

My dear reader, have you ever been in the presence of God? Do you bow to the just judgment of God upon yourself? This is the first step towards being saved. This is repentance, which the apostle calls godly sorrow, 2 Cor. 7; 8. 'For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of this world worketh death.' Yes, if you have met God about your sins, if you have ever been in His presence, you know what sin is, and you have bowed to God's judgment upon your sins, and yourself as the sinner, and you know who it is, who has met the whole question of sin for you on the cross, and through faith in Him you are justified before God and saved from the wrath to come, Rom. 5; 8, 9. 'But God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then being now justified by His blood we shall be saved from wrath through Him.'—C. E. H.

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