

On leaving the meeting he became really serious, but he was without a counsellor. He was voyaging upon the sea of life without chart or compass; he did not even possess a copy of the word of God which alone is able to bring light to a soul.

The morning which followed this memorable evening he bought a parallel bible, and began to read the gospel of St. Matthew with the parallel passages, praying at the same time that God would open his eyes. He read with profound interest, having a real anxiety about his soul, and seeking constantly to amend his ways in a manner that would be pleasing to God and thus reach heaven at last. His heart was greatly exercised, but often he became much discouraged by his failures. As soon as he formed new resolutions sin came to destroy them.

He took three weeks to read the gospel of Matthew. When he had finished it he began the epistle to the Galatians; coming to the third chapter, the tenth verse arrested his attention: "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

"That's me," he cried, after reading the verse. "That's me! I have put myself under the curse in trusting to my own works."

He then began praying, saying: "Lord, what must I do, I have tried to do my best. He re-

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