

And so on through all the other states of heart and diversities of feeling that live in men's minds. The Gospel comes to them all, with a gratuitous offer of salvation, in, and through Christ Jesus, the great gift of God's love. It presents to every man who will accept it, life. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." There is no hindrance in the way, except what man places himself. The work of the Gospel is to encourage men in believing, by meeting them at every turn with the great truth of Christ's all-sufficient atonement, and God's all-embracing love. No marvel, then, that we hear this piercing cry, ringing like a shriek: "TURN YE, TURN YE FROM YOUR EVIL WAYS; FOR WHY WILL YE DIE, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL." Ezek. 33: 11 See also Ezek. 18: 30-32.

The New Year.

PRECEPT.

- "YIELD YOURSELVES UNTO GOD."—Rom. 6: 13.
 "My HEART shall rejoice in Thy salvation." Ps. 13: 5.
 "Wilt Thou not deliver my FEET from falling." Ps. 56: 13.
 "O God, strengthen my HANDS." Neh. 6: 9.
 "My TONGUE shall speak of Thy righteousness." Ps. 35: 28.
 "My EARS shall utter Thy praise." Ps. 119: 171.
 "My VOICE shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord." Ps. 5: 3.
 "Mine EYES are ever toward the Lord." Ps. 25: 15.
 "I am Thine." Ps. 119: 94.

PROMISE.

- "I WILL BE A FATHER UNTO YOU."—2 Cor. 6: 18.
 The Father's LOVE—"The Father Himself loveth you." John 16: 27.
 The Father's SYMPATHY—"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Ps. 103: 13.
 The Father's KNOWLEDGE—"Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Matt. 6: 32.
 The Father's GUIDANCE—"My Father, Thou art the guide of my youth." Jer. 3: 4.
 The Father's GIFTS—"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you." Jn. 16: 23.
 The Father's CHASTENING—"If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons." Heb. 12: 7.
 The Father's PROMISE for ETERNITY—"It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12: 32.

RESOLUTION.

- "I WILL GO IN THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD GOD."
 Psalm 71: 16.
 Strength to overcome TEMPTATION—"My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

- Strength to overcome ENEMIES—"He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me," Ps. 18: 17.
 Strength in time of TROUBLE—"He is their strength in the time of trouble." Ps. 37: 39.
 Strength in time of SICKNESS—"The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." Ps. 41: 3.
 Strength in time of WEAKNESS—"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength." Isa. 40: 29.
 Strength for WORK—"Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts." Hag. 2: 4.

PRA YER.

"LORD INCREASE OUR FAITH"

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| in GOD | the Father as | { OUR CREATOR. Gen. 1: 27. |
| | | { OUR PRESERVER. Ps. 121: 7, 8. |
| | | { OUR BENEFACTOR. Matt. 6: 30-33. |
| in GOD | the Son as | { OUR SAVIOUR. 1 Tim. 1: 15. |
| | | { OUR EXAMPLE. 1 Peter 2: 21. |
| | | { OUR INTERCESSOR. Heb. 7: 25. |
| in GOD | the Holy Ghost as | { OUR SANCTIFIER. 2 Thess. 2: 13. |
| | | { OUR TEACHER. Jn. 14: 26. |
| | | { OUR COMFORTER. Jn. 14: 16, 17. |

Self-Praise.

A MAN once walked along the banks of the mighty Euphrates River. Its waters moved softly and silently along. "Why do not thy waters surge and roar?" asked the man. And the river replied: "I need not shout aloud; My name is known widely enough. The green meadows which I water and the lofty trees upon my banks—these tell who I am."

The man came afterwards to the banks of the Tigris River. Its waves dashed along wildly and with clouds of foam. "Hallo, how loud you are shouting!" said the man. "Ah," said the river, "my shouting does not help me at all. I still am not praised like other streams, however loudly I proclaim that I am something in the world."

The man went further. He saw trees with the costliest and most beautiful fruit. They offered their fruits without a sound. "Why so still, good tree?" he asked. "Why not rustle like your companions in the wood?" "We are known," they replied, "by the fruit we bear, however silent we are." Soon the man came to a wood whose trees towered to the skies, and whose empty crests kept up a constant roar. "Why do you make such a noise?" he asked. "Ah," they replied, "we have shouted loud and long, and yet we are not treated as we deserve."

"Now, I know," said the man, "who praises himself amounts to nothing. The truly meritorious require no self-praise. That truth I will not forget."—*Jewish Messenger.*