

Behold, now is the day of salvation.
2 Corinthians vi. 2.

TRIFLE NOT!

TIS not for man to trifle ; time is brief,
And sin is here ;
Our age is but the falling of a leaf,
A dropping tear.

We have not time to sport away the hours ;
All must be earnest in a world like ours.

Not many lives, but only one have we—
One, only one. [BE,

HOW SACRED SHOULD THAT ONE LIFE EVER
THAT NARROW SPAN !

BE THOU FAITHFUL.

We must prove ourselves—

1.—**FAITHFUL TO THE MASTER.** The aged Polycarp, led forth to martyrdom, and offered life to renounce his Lord, answered, "These many years have I served my King, and he has never been unfaithful to me ; I will not desert him now."

2.—**FAITHFUL TO OUR WORK.** The reward is promised for our *faithfulness*, not for our *success*, and is not dependent on results; is dependent, least of all, on our seeing those results in this life. Yet, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall *doubtless* come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

"Go forth, O sowers, bearing precious seed,
For God is near you in your hours of need."

3.—**FAITHFUL TO THOSE WHOM WE INFLUENCE.** Our work is often done under disappointment, and we frequently feel discouraged. "But they that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever."

4.—**"FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."** At a recent excavation in the ruins of Pompeii, when the ashes that had of old poured from Vesuvius on the doomed city, were removed, many bodies were found, some on their faces, some in position of flying from death, all in apparent attempt to escape; but one, that

of a Roman soldier, was found standing at his post, still grasping a weapon; those who have discovered it realized the force of the words, "Be thou faithful unto death."

Let us be faithful in the original meaning of the word. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."



CMAN crossed the Mississippi on the ice, and fearing it was too thin, began to climb over on his hands and knees in great terror; but before he gained the opposite shore, all worn out, another man drove past him gaily, sitting upon a sled loaded with pig-iron. And that is just the way most Christians go up to the heavenly Canaan, trembling at every step lest the promises should break under our feet, when really they are secure enough for us to hold up our heads and sing with confidence as we march to the better land.

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Isaiah xliv. 22.