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“ I am the light of the world.”
“ Preach the Gospel to every creature.”—JESUS.

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JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHEREN.

The Bible is the best of all books, because it is the book of God. It contains the most important truths which have ever been made known to the children of men. It contains more history than any other book, more pure poetry, more pure morality, more profound principles, more precious proverbs, promises and lofty conceptions than all other books put together. The biography of this blessed book is also richer, simpler, truer, more instructive and unaltered than is to be met with in any merely human and fallible productions. The life of Joseph and his brethren, as recorded by Moses in the book of Genesis, is full of the deepest interest, and never fails to instruct and impress all who read it with attention. Let us just glance at a few of the most prominent events in Joseph's history, and we shall see that God both can and does bring good out of evil, and causes even the wrath of men to praise him.

That Joseph was Jacob's pet,—the object of his fond affection, is evident. Jacob could not and did not conceal this from the older members of his family. On this account as well as for other reasons they envied him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. We have no desire to justify in unqualified terms the old Patriarch for his partiality. The favouritism which he manifested was doubtless the occasion of their envy, and his trouble and perplexity. *Partiality on the part of parents is frequently a source*