

them from destruction on that dread night when the first-born of Egypt fell beneath the stroke of the destroyer? Let every man of you, was the command of God, take a lamb, a lamb for every house, let him kill it, and sprinkle its blood upon the lintels and upon the door posts, "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are, and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt." (Ex. xii. 13). It was because the household of Noah were in the sheltering ark that they were saved, not because they were better than their neighbours. It was not because Rahab the harlot, and her household were what men call good people that they were saved, it was because they were under the protection of the scarlet line. And why were the first-born of Israel saved from the stroke of the destroying angel? BECAUSE THEY WERE SHELTERED BY THE BLOOD OF THE PASCHAL LAMB. In every one of these cases salvation was a question, not of character but of position.

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. ix. 27). Such is the common lot of man, but all will not share it for the Son of God hath said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, (judgment), but is passed from death unto life." (John v. 24). All such therefore will escape the judgment, for they have already been judged in the person of their substitute, Christ Jesus. They are therefore a redeemed people