

powerful influences to bear upon man and to teach him what he is, what God is, and what salvation is! Do you see that God's plan all along has been to teach men in these days of grace by His dealings with His earthly people Israel? God in those days brought things about in such ways that the Holy Spirit can now use them to teach us His great truths. When the wonderful reality of the greatness of God's dealings with Israel bursts upon us, we can exclaim in the words of Scripture, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" Rom. xi. 33. The law had a "shadow" of good things to come. All the good things which we enjoy in this gospel day were foreshadowed in the law. Do you find it hard sometimes to get interested in God's wonderful book? You do love it, you go to it in trouble, the promises are very precious to you, but there are times when you do not know what to read, or in some way the world or Satan or your own evil heart gets some cloud between you and the Word. Now at such times it might be best to take up a bit of the law and see what it shadowed, study it out and you may get your eyes opened to see some of the wonderful things which are in the law. And may our prayer ever be, "Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law." Psa. cxix. 18.

To whom did the law ever point? To Christ. He came to save sinners. He wants sinners to understand the way of salvation and so He has pictured it in every possible way in His Word.

One of the most beautiful and complete pictures of Christ is the Passover. Let us study it to find Christ in it, and to find how He saves sinners.

Note first, that there was danger. The destroyer was to pass through the land, the judgment of Jehovah was to fall upon Egypt, and if any house escapes that judgment, it must be in some divinely appointed way. Egypt is a type of the world, the plagues are types of judgments which will yet come upon men of the world, the death of the first-born points to that death which is the wages of sin. Judgment overhung Egypt, judgment overhangs the world. But when God sends judgment, He always opens a door of escape, always provides a shelter. There is such a shelter now; there was such a shelter then. Christ is the shelter now, something that was a type of Christ was the shelter then. If we study the type, we shall learn much of Him.

What was done at the time of the Passover? First a lamb was taken on the tenth day of the month. On the fourteenth day it was killed in the evening. The blood of this lamb was sprinkled each side of and over the door. Then the lamb was roast with fire and eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs on that same night. The people were to be ready for a journey when they ate the lamb, their loins girded, shoes on their feet, and their staff in their hand. All this wonderfully pictures God's way of salvation. Note first that God told the people what to do, and their safety was in doing just what God told them. The lamb must be slain, the blood must be sprinkled, each one must be in