

meant it unto good." (Gen. i. 20.) Now, therefore, be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither, for God did send me before you to preserve life. (Gen. xv. 5.) 'To the eye of sense it was surely Joseph's wicked brethren who had sent him into Egypt, and yet Joseph, looking at it with the eye of faith, could say, "God sent me." it had been undoubtedly a grievous sin in his brethren, but by the time it had reached Joseph, it had become God's will for him, and was in truth, though at first it did not look so, the greatest blessing of his whole life. And thus we see how the Lord can make even the wrath of man to praise Him, (Ps. lxxvi. 10,) and how all things, even the sins of others, shall work together for good to them that love Him. (Rom. viii. 28.)

If we look at the seen things we shall not be able to understand this. But the children of God are called to look "not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal: but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Cor. iv. 10.) Could we but see with our bodily eyes His unseen forces surrounding us on every side, we would walk through this world in an impregnable fortress, which nothing could ever overthrow or penetrate, for "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." (Ps. xxxiv. 7.)

We have a striking illustration of this in the history of Elisha. The King of Syria was warring