

warned *now*—for "*Now* is the accepted time.' (II Cor. vi. 2), and *now* you may hear God's word and live.

And how are sin and its wages death, to be escaped? (Rom. vi. 23). The Lord Jesus has suffered for sins, the just one for the unjust. (I Pet. iii. 18), and He has tasted death for us. (Heb. ii. 9). "Christ died for our sins." (I Cor. xv. 3); then a believer is not punished for his sins, for Jesus bore them in His own body on the tree. (I Pet. ii. 24). "The sting of death is sin." (I Cor. xv. 56). For the believer the sting of death, which is sin, is gone, because Jesus atoned for his sins and tasted death for him, therefore we can say: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

To a believer death is the entrance of heaven. Satan who used to have the power of death in his hands was vanquished for ever when Jesus left the tomb. A believer then should not fear death, but an unbeliever—oh how different! He may well be afraid of "death, and after." Death will land him in the presence of God, and after death comes judgment. (Rev. xx. 12). Reader, may you be saved from both through faith in the Lord Jesus.

"Lord, Thy love has sought and found us,  
Wand'ring in this desert wide,  
Thou hast thrown Thine arms around us,  
For us suffered, bled and died:  
Sing, my soul, He loved thee,  
Jesus gave Himself for me."