

and that he who fashioned no two blades of grass alike can adapt himself just to you.

Verses 5 and 6. Lord Shaftesbury, who worked so much in the slums of London, tells about giving a magic lantern entertainment of scenes of Christ's life to a ragged school, about four hundred being present. He says: "The last picture represented our Lord standing beside a closed door, and the text at the foot of the picture was, 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' The effect was startling, and when I said, 'What you see there is going on at the door of every house in Whitechapel,' they were moved to tears. It was a revelation to them, and when I told them that if they would throw open the door, he would 'come and sup with them,' there was something so cozy and comfortable to them in the idea of it that they came pouring round me and thanking me. Poor, dear souls! They do not care much for outward forms; they like their religion to bring comfort."

Verse 7. The outcasts of Christ's time were not the men with stains upon their garments and with shame upon their brows; they were the men and women who did not know that they had sins to be forgiven. I have read stories of men who were walled up in some dungeon castle and left to die there, and as I look out into life I think we are in danger of that very doom; we are in danger of walling up ourselves in our own self-satisfaction and smothering to death. It is at the door of the person who thinks he is rich and increased with goods and has need of nothing, and knows not that he is miserable and poor and blind and naked, that Christ declares that he knocks.—*Lyman Abbott.*

Verse 8. "I thought on my ways and turned my feet." This verse in Psalms describes a practical thinker. He turned his feet. I am going to-day through London, and I find, as I often do, that I am going the wrong road, and somebody tells me the way to go. He says: "Sir, you are going in a completely wrong direction." Well, what would you think of me if, after I am convinced that the man is right and I am wrong, I said to myself, "I will think about that," and still walk along the wrong road thinking about it? There is no good done until I not only think, but turn my feet and go in the right direction.—*Rev. John McNeill.*

Verse 10. John Newton, who in his earlier life was guilty of almost every sin and crime, but who after conversion wrote some of the most beautiful hymns of the Church, lost his memory as he grew old. He said, however, he could remember two things: That he was a great sinner; that Jesus was a great Saviour.

References.

FREEMAN. (Including connecting verses.) Ver. 2: The publicans, 759. Ver. 13: The "pound," 785. Ver. 20: Valuables wrapped in cloths, 268.

Blackboard.



A SINNER'S SALVATION.

ZACCHEUS
WOULD SEE JESUS.

HE SOUGHT EARNESTLY,
HE RECEIVED JOYFULLY,
HE BELIEVED FULLY.

HE SOUGHT AND FOUND.

"It is not the will of your Father . . .
that one . . . should perish."

PRESENT SALVATION.
NOW.

THE LORD SAYS TO
ZACCHEUS,

MAKE HASTE,
COME DOWN.

ME,
BEHOLD,
I STAND AT
THE DOOR AND
KNOCK.

ZACCHEUS IS | SHALL I BE
SAVED?

"If any man . . . open the door, I will
come in to him."