

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.—Matthew xxvi. 41.

WHAT STRANGE BEINGS WE ARE.

WE say that we are going to heaven; and yet those around us have failed to discover it! We are quite ready to talk on some obtruse point of divinity; but as ready to evade *home-truths!*

We complain and talk of doubts and fears as to our acceptance with God; and yet we keep looking at *ourselves* instead of looking to *Christ!*

We profess that we are not our own—that we are Christ's purchased property; and yet we dispose of our time and gifts, and means, as if they were our own!

When we hear the word faithfully preached, we say 'That is applicable to so-and-so;' instead of applying it to ourselves!

We are very ready to hear and speak of the faults and failings of others; but how averse to scrutinize our own conduct!

We criticise and cavil at the method and manner of the preacher, instead of receiving with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save the soul!

Our daily petition is, 'Thy will be done;' and yet when God *does* His will toward us or ours' we murmur and complain!

We disclaim all title to praise for what we do; and yet we feel a secret satisfaction when it is bestowed!

"It is not great talents that God blesses, so much as a great likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God."—*M'Cheyne*.

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

THE Gospel preached on earth is good news to men; the Gospel believed on earth is good news to the angels.

WHAT

MAN THINKS.	GOD SAYS.
I am not so bad as others	"There is no difference, all have sinned."—Rom. iii. 23.
I will do the best I can, then God will make up the rest.	"Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. ii. 9.
I will try and merit a place in heaven.	"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."—John iii. 3.
I will make my peace with God.	"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God."—Rom. v. 1.
I will try and feel love to God.	"We love Him because He first loved us."—1 John iv. 19.
I know God is love, therefore He will overlook my sins.	"He that believeth not the Son, the wrath of God abideth on him."—John iii. 36.
God is forgiving, and He will not punish me.	But to the wicked God says, What have I to do with thee?
Perhaps there is no hell; or if there be one, it cannot be for me.	"The wicked shall be turned into hell."

"HE FARED SUMPTUOUSLY."
(LUKE XVI., 18.)

SATTED for the grave. "It is a common saying that a hog is good for nothing when alive; not good to bear or carry, as the horse; nor to draw, as the ox; nor to clothe, as the sheep; nor to give milk, as the cow; nor to guard the house, as the dog; but *fed only for the slaughter*. So a covetous rich man, just like the hog, doth no good with his riches whilst he liveth; but when he is dead his riches come to be disposed of. 'The riches of a sinner are laid up for the just.'"—*Willett*, 1562.

"THERE is much said in these days about 'The Foundations' and the 'True Path.' This is all well enough. Foundations are good and paths are good; but they are not good enough, Foundations were made to be *ild* upon. paths were made to walk in."

Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.—Matthew xxiv. 44.