

is heading for a hopeless hell, yet he seeks to close his eyes to the fact, forgetting that it is far the best thing to face facts, and, if they are ominous, endeavour to change his position towards them. But the sinner is not the only one at fault. The believer may often be charged with similar folly. If he meets a truth in God's word which contradicts his preconceived notions, he is apt to shut his eyes to it, and, though the truth may force itself upon him again and again, yet each time it comes it is possibly put away as being a "non-essential." Truth is an integer, and "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

We cannot afford to give a single word of God the go by. Let us look truth square in the face, and if it condemns any line of action, be it ever so small, let us bow to the truth, for God must be true, even though it should make every man a liar. The man who shuts his eyes to truth must, according to a natural, as well as a spiritual law, soon become blind to that truth. "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you," were the solemn words spoken by our Saviour to such as we have referred to, and if we close our eyes to any light which God has given in His Word, we shall be losers here and hereafter. Let us be true to God; true to His Word. Thus, and thus only, shall we be found walking in the light, treading that path which, as a shining light, shineth more and more unto the perfect day.—H. G.—Simple Testimony.

RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.

What a blessed thing to us, who are the Lord's to know that in this world of bustle and strife our privilege is to be calm and restful, and to know the relationship we are in to God.

There is sonship, which gives the thought of heirship; then membership, which gives the thought of union to Christ. And what a separating thought that is—to think we are linked, with a link that cannot be severed, to the One upon the throne. How our hearts ought to revel upon and into the varied truths contained in our Bibles. Then there is worship, discipleship, saintship, fellowship, and a great many other "ships" that we don't half think of, and little wonder we don't rise above the waves more, because we get occupied with other things instead of Christ. May the Lord keep us more occupied with HIM—Himself only.—W. S.

A dying man in Hampshire, England, when visited recently by his parish clergyman, was greatly offended at his being called a sinner. "Sinner," he said, "I be no sinner. I have been to church for 22 years and never missed." "And what do you know of the Lord Jesus Christ?" the clergyman asked, and the dying man looked up and answered, "I never heard of the gentleman." "Why, you heard at the end of every prayer, 'for Jesus Christ's sake,'" said the minister. "Oh," said the man, "I heard that, but I never knew what it meant."

Whenever you find a person finding fault with God's doings either in the past or in the day we live in, we may rightly conclude that their souls are shrouded in nature's darkness, they have never been born again, and with all their display of supposed wisdom, their mouths are only proving the blindness of their hearts.