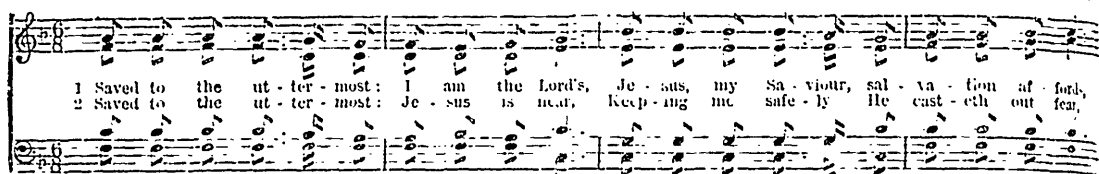
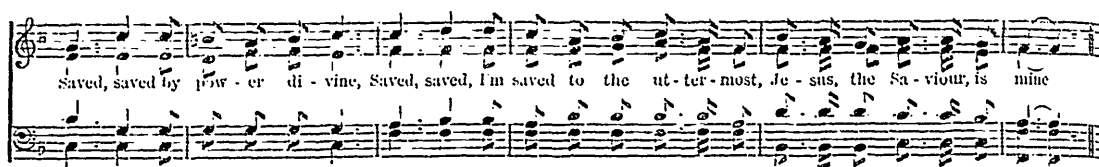
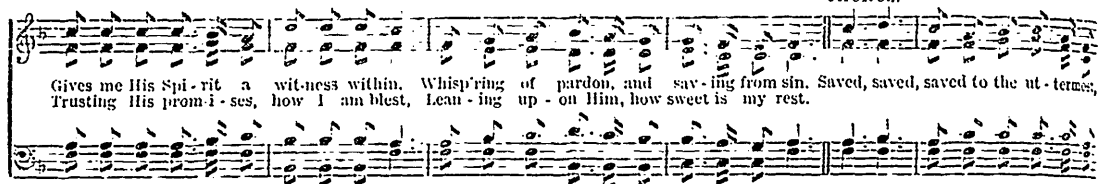


SAVED TO THE UTMOST.

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CHORUS.



3 Saved to the uttermost: this I can say,
"Once all was darkness, but now it is day,"
Beautiful visions of glory I see,
Jesus in brightness revealed unto me.

2 Saved to the uttermost: cheerfully sing
Loud halleluias to Jesus, my King,
Ransomed and pardoned, redeemed by His blood,
Cleansed from unrighteousness, glory to God.

his remarks on others, and far, very far from the humility, meekness, seriousness, and disinterested benevolence, so remarkably shown in the example of Christ. Such professors may keep their place in the church, because there is no flagrant crime, but they only keep their place as the seed which fell among the thorns. And when does God employ such in the conversion of sinners or the enlargement of His church? Seldom, if ever. In proportion as you manifest the spirit and follow the example of Christ, the Lord will make you the means of winning souls to Him. The public preaching of the Word is the ordinary means of conversion, I admit, but the Word of God is equally as effectual in many instances when conveyed to the soul by other means. We lately had at one church meeting seven or eight persons to make profession. Not one of them, I think, was first awakened by preaching, though one or two of them were by attending on baptisms, and most of the rest by attending prayer-meetings, and by the conversation and conduct of others. The instrument of conversion is the Word of truth, but God sends the arrow of conviction by various means. Let every disciple of the Lord Jesus feel a holy and zealous concern to turn some to righteousness.

"And now, fathers and mothers of Israel, aged disciples who must soon quit this scene of action, your age entitles you to the respectful epithet of 'fathers and mothers,' but can you look on any around you as your children in the faith? Have you been the means of turning any sinners to the Lord, or of leading any disconsolate inquirers to the consolation of Israel? The night of death is at hand; and is there nothing that you may effect through God's blessing to glorify Christ before you go hence to be seen on earth no more? Think of Moses and Joshua, who after long lives of active service for God and His cause, could not be content to die without exerting the last energies of decaying nature to His glory.

"And you, my Christian brethren and sisters, that are in the prime of life or in youthful vigour, suffer the word of exhortation. Some of you have rising families; and, oh! remember the importance of such a charge. Are you training your offspring for God or for the world? Do they learn from your instructions and your example to regard an interest in Christ as the one thing needful, or do they learn to despise religion by the lukewarm and heartless profession of their parents? If you are free from the charge of families, you have more time and opportunity to serve the Lord and advance

His cause in other ways. It is high time to awake out of sleep, and if you believe that there is an eternal heaven: an eternal hell, and that redemption in Christ is the only way to God and glory, it is time to live as men fast hastening to the tribunal of the Lord. Let not your hands be slack, let your courage fail; for God can make the feeblest man productive of the greatest everlasting advantages. One reason why so few are converted is no doubt this, that we are much afraid of being accounted fools for Christ's sake. There is too little of what the apostle calls the foolishness of preaching, and this fault is the blame of churches as well as of those that preach the Word. I trust that you, as a people, are otherwise minded, and that you love the plain and affectionate exhibition of Christ.

"Let me exhort you all as a church to be united in stronger mutual affection. Look with pity and concern on the soul perishing around you. Humble yourselves before the Lord and call earnestly upon Him. Avoid praying for prayers sake at all your meetings. Let your words utter the wishes of your souls, but remember that you must have such wishes to utter them is mere hypocrisy. Aim at the right object: aim directly at it—the glory of God in the good of His Church. Rely on His promise and His power; and though you may cover many imperfections, and God discovers more, yet He will not despise the prayer of the contrite and sincere heart. You will see the work of His grace manifested around you, and you shall admire and adore. To me it appears useless to labour over want of success, unless Christians are alive to the cause and using the means. And if any of you see the need of zeal and activity in the church, do not spend your time in lamenting or finding fault, for this only increases the evil: think to remedy it by speaking of it to others, though it may be needful in part. But let everyone that feels grieved for the desolation of Zion humble himself greatly for his share of the guilt, and begin to show all possible love and zeal and ardent concern for revival and for the conversion of souls, and the feeling thus brought into action will do more than a thousand exhortations or lamentations.

"At your meeting on Monday night it is likely many converted persons may be present, and what shall I say to them? Alas! the day will come when every impenitent sinner shall see his condition in a true light; but if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Aged sinners! the hope of mercy still lingers