

"The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men."—Rom. i. 18.

### WATCH.



**WATCHFULNESS** is a most important duty. Success in any department of business depends much upon it.

The merchant must be careful to watch the market; the mechanic must watch and keep pace with every improvement in his line of work; The physician must watch his patient; the farmer must watch for the sowing and the reaping times. He must watch the growing crop in all its stages; he must watch against every agency that may tend to blight his crops, and thus render his labor fruitless. *Watch* is written upon the tools of every day-laborer. *Watch* is engraven upon the lawyer's brief. *Watch* is stamped by the Divine hand upon the high commission of the minister of the gospel. The policeman must watch while on duty; the railway switchman must watch the points; the engineer must watch the signals; the pilot on deck must watch; the sentry on his beat must watch; yea everywhere, in all the walks of life we meet the word **WATCH**. "*Watch* ye, therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning. Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, *Watch*." Mark 13: 35. If watchfulness is of such consequence as connected with interests already mentioned, what colossal proportions it assumes when applied to the eternal interests of the immortal soul! Is it not of infinite moment to you, my fellow-man, my brother traveller to the judgment-seat, that you should *watch* with intense concern the welfare of your never-dying soul. *Watch* against every thing that is calculated to contaminate the soul through the medium of the eye. *Watch* against every unholy sound that would suggest evil through the ear. *Watch* the tongue, that "no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth," Eph. 4: 29. *Watch* against every inducement to the hands

to grasp forbidden fruit, or the feet to tread in the paths of sin. *Watch*, closely watch the citadel itself, which is the heart. *Watch* well every appetite, bringing them all under subjection, so that no avenue of ingress to the soul be left unguarded. My friend, should you not "watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation," especially since your adversary, the devil, walketh about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

### SALVATION, GOD'S GIFT.



**T** is hard to make men believe that they may come to the Lord Jesus Christ gratuitously—that is, without any previous condition. There are few believers who do not remember the moment when this unconditional freeness of the Gospel broke upon their minds as a great revelation. In some of the endlessly shifting varieties of delusive experience, they were setting a price on pardon, and seeking to make up the amount: they were working on their own hearts, to make them more fit for Christ; they were essaying a half-way work, which, without erasing the word "grace" from the record, should leave to self some of the glory of preparation. And the moment when all this was swept away is memorable in the believer's history. It is the moment which immediately precedes **FAITH**. Up to this instant he has been trying earnestly to do something which shall make him fit to receive Christ. Now, he sees that the whole deed of righteousness is done already; that its full value is offered to him in the Gospel, and that he is authorized to accept it.—*J. W. Alexander.*

### STEEP YOUR SEED.



**T**HERE was a husbandman, says Flavel, 'that always sowed good seed but never had good corn. At last a neighbour came to him, and said, 'I

"There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."—1 Tim. ii. 5.