

"Whatsoever He Saith Unto You, Do."

John 2 : 5.

BY KATIE.

"**W**HATSOEVER," He hath said, it matters not if great or small,
He, who gives thee His command, knows thy heart, thy life, thy all,
Only living in His will,
Simply *doing* is thy place ;
He comes close and closer still,
He will give thee needed grace ;
Working, watching day by day,
Just *whatever* He may say.

"Whatsoever" He hath said, 'tis *thy Lord* who died for thee,
And His true and boundless love, now, He offers full and free.

Whatsoever be thy task,
Do it and His promise claim ;
He will give "*what'er we ask*."
Of the Father in His name.
Do whatever is His will,
And His promise He'll fulfil.

"Whatsoever" He hath said, *do it now*, at once obey,
Now is the accepted time, *now* is the appointed day,
Thine it is to hear, obey,
He will give thee sweet reward,
And the barren, desert way
Shall yield fruit unto the Lord.
Thine own will thou must resign,
And the *Master's will be thine*.

Yes, the blessed Lord of glory—*ready—waiting—willing*
—stands,
Ready to prove true His promise if thou follow his command.

Waiting to give greater treasure,
Deeper, more abundant love,
Willing with o'erflowing measure
To shower graces from above.
To thy soul its need confessing,
Jesus offers richer blessing.

Jesus, Saviour! ever keep us—*ready, waiting*, day by day,
Willing to perform each duty, do *whatever* Thou shalt say.

Calmly working every hour,
Telling out the grand old story,
Trusting fully in Thy power,
Watching for Thy coming glory,
When earth's darkness shall be light,
And faith be merged in perfect sight.

No Time !

HE who cannot find time to consult his Bible will one day find he has time to be sick ; he who has no time to pray must find time to die ; he who can find no time to reflect is most likely to find time to sin ; he who cannot find time for repentance will find an eternity in which repentance will be of no avail ; he who cannot find time to work for others may find an eternity in which to suffer for himself.—*Hannah More*.

Noah.

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THE principal lessons to be learned in the history of Noah are these :—

1st. *God sees sin*, even the sin of the heart, that which may be hidden from the eyes of our fellow-creatures. Gen. 16 : 13 ; 1 Sam. 16 : 7 ; Psalm 139 : 1-4 ; Heb. 4 : 13. How needful for us, then, to have sin removed from our hearts, as well as from our lives, and to pray with deep earnestness, "Search me, O God, and know my heart : . . . and see if there be any wicked way in me." Psalm 139 : 23, 24. How can sin be removed from our souls? *Only by the application of the blood of Jesus*. This can remove completely, for it cleanses from all sin. 1 John 1 : 7. When God looks at us, on what does His eye rest? On sin unforgiven? or on a heart purified by Jesus? Can He say of us, "There is no spot in thee." Song of Sol. 4 : 7.

2nd. *God hates sin*. Prov. 6 : 16-19. Shall we not hate it too? When we hate a thing, do we not try to put it out of our sight? *So let it be with sin*. "Let us lay aside . . . the sin which doth so easily beset us." Heb. 12 : 1. Leaven, which is a type of sin, was not to be seen in any of the houses of the Israelites on the night they were redeemed. Exodus 12 : 15, 19 ; and the Holy Ghost tells us, *we* also are to put away sin 1 Cor. 5 : 7, 8. Oh ! let us seek to have so much of the mind of Jesus, that we may hate what He hates, and love *only* what He loves.

3rd. *God's threatenings against sin*. How strong they are ; and yet how men despise them ! It was so *then—it is so now*. Day after day do we read such solemn words as these : "The soul that sinneth, *it shall die*," Ezek. 18 : 4 ; "The wages of sin is death," Rom. 6 : 23 ; but people go on as if God were not true to His word ; but He *is* faithful. He cannot deny Himself—that which He has spoken shall surely come to pass : for witness—

4th. *The execution of His threat*. All perished—none escaped—who did not enter the Ark. They *might* have been saved ; for

5th. *The long suffering of the Lord was great*. For a hundred and twenty years Noah preached to the people, Gen. 3 : 3 ; 2 Peter 2 : 5 ; but they would not hear. "They did eat, they drank. Luke 17 : 27 ; they went on as usual, paying no heed to the messages of love and mercy, till at last the flood *did* come, and they were all destroyed. How is it with us? God's judgments are *now* delayed, but they will not be so *always*. He is waiting now on purpose to be gracious. Isa. 30 : 18. Have *we* received His message into our hearts? or do we *despise* it? "How *shall* we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2 : 3.

6th. *The security of God's children*. God shut Noah into the Ark, and when He shuts, who can open? Rev. 3 : 7. Hidden in Christ, the True Ark,