

and door posts of their houses. Then Jehovah says, When I see the blood I will pass over you, and will not suffer the destroyer to come near you. And so the lamb was killed, the blood was sprinkled, the Israelites got under the shelter, Jehovah saw the blood and passed over them, and thus they were saved from the wrath and judgment of the destroying angel. (Exodus xii, 12, 13).

Reader, are you thus saved? Have you as a poor guilty creature, seen God's lamb slain for you? Have you seen His blood carried into the very presence of God? and have you by the acceptance of that blood, got under its shelter, so that now you know from God's own Word that you are passed over, that you are saved from wrath and judgment, through that Christ?

This is the first part of God's salvation. The sinner finds in the blood of Christ the full answer to his guilt. God's justice is satisfied; yea, His righteousness now is declared in forgiving and justifying the vilest sinner who believes in Jesus. (See Rom. iii, 23-26).

The blood of the passover lamb set Israel right with Jehovah. He could now act righteously for them in delivering them out of Egypt. It is remarkable that the word *salvation* is not used till Ex. xiv, 13. Israel is not fully saved till brought out of Egypt. The blood indeed had saved them from their guilt, and averted the righteous judgment of God, but they were still in Egypt—the land under God's judgment. The