

that in the sight of that God who cannot look upon sin but with abhorrence, who demands of me my first and best affections, who demands of me perfect conformity to His holy law, that I am indeed a lost sinner, justly condemned to eternal death, unless through and on account of the atonement made by Christ, He will forgive my sins."

"And are your own good deeds, your charities, your patience in suffering, your forgiveness of injuries, your daily life of devotion to your family, all to go for nothing? Are they not acceptable in His sight?"

"I will answer you in Paul's words, 'That I may be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.' But this is of course no encouragement to neglect of virtue, for Christ says, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments.'"

After a moment's silence, in which she seemed plunged in thought, she looked up, and said earnestly, "Mrs. Adams, you are the first person who has ever conversed with me in this way; but I will tell you that though I was brought up to believe that I was good enough, that I was as sure of heaven as if already there, I have not felt satisfied;—there have been times when I have felt that I should not be satisfied with such obedience to me as I have given to God. I thank you for your plainness, and if you will let me I will soon come in again and talk with you. "And now," added she rising to leave, "please tell me, just where I can find that verse you quoted to me; I want to read it myself."

Mrs. Adams joyfully took up her well marked Bible, and handing it to her, showed her the passage.

"Would you mind lending me this for a little while?" said Miss Green timidly; "it seems as if I could understand it better than him at home, it has been read so little; and—will you pray for me, too, that I may find out the truth? for oh, I do want to do so."

"Let us pray now, my dear," said Mrs. Adams, falteringly, for she felt that the Spirit was there leading this precious soul to Himself; and so, gently closing and locking the door, these two, so recently strangers, knelt together; and while one voice was lifted up in earnest supplication, the heart was deeply touched, and her voice echoed the words, "God be merciful to me a sinner!"

It was easy that night to talk and pray with James, and confess to him her neglect of duty; and while he tenderly thanked her for her care for him, he told her frankly that now his only doubt in the doctrines she professed was gone, for he had wondered how she could rest without warning him of his danger, if she believed him to be in any.

That day was but the first of a life spent in "speaking for Jesus," and in her crown of rejoicing there will be many stars, for through her labours and prayers, many souls were led to Christ.

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