

much, much more pleasant to think how near eternity is, and how short the journey through this wilderness, and that it is but a step from earth to heaven.

"With Thee conversing, we forget
All time, and toil, and care;
Labour is rest, and pain is sweet,
If Thou, my God, art here."

DR. DODDRIDGE.

"WONDERFUL THINGS."

THE poet says, "Wonderful things in the Bible I see"; and some of us often sing these words, perhaps simply because we love the tune, without having any real longing for the wonderful salvation of which the Bible speaks.

"Wonderful things!" Of these the unconverted often join the children of God in thrilling song; but ah! they do not know of them from heartfelt experience. Among these things is the fact that the sinner may be saved from his sins. Wonderful intelligence is this—news at which all heaven rejoices, and which all hell laments. The hideousness and number of the sinner's crimes are no obstacle to his salvation. If he will only now heartily abandon them all—confess and truly repent of them—they will all be blotted out. Nothing more wonderfully glorious could possibly happen to the sinner than such a deliverance. Certainly it is what he needs above everything else. If you, dear reader, are still destitute of this "great salvation"—the forgiveness of your sins—now go to Jesus, who loves even you, and waits to save you this moment. Will you do so, and be saved? or will you refuse, and be lost? May "our Father in heaven" help you to choose salvation now!

"Wonderful things!" Among these are, as taught "in the Bible," that we may also have, in addition to pardon, our hearts fully cleansed from all sin. For the blessed promise is, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Oh, what a "wonderful" salvation this is, to be cleansed from all evil! The Holy Scriptures teach that after conversion, a degree of carnality remains; and from this we are to be cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus. Yes; this is one of the "wonderful things" revealed to us in the blessed Bible. And yet some professors of religion fail to see this, or at least say they are not able to see it. Others confidently assert that no such truth is taught in the Word. To such, I would kindly recommend to adopt the prayer, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law."

How encouraging to know that our hearts may be made perfectly pure; that we may be saved even "unto the uttermost." And all this may be done long before death; it may be done now. If Jesus cannot fully save us now, he never will be able to do so, for His power will never be greater than it is at the present. Neither will He ever be more willing. "Now is the accepted time" for any degree of salvation, whether it be regeneration or entire sanctification.

Thank God! we have a "wonderful" Saviour—one who loves us with a "wonderful" love, who will do "wonderful things" for us, if we will only allow Him to do so. And who that has refused, will refuse Him any longer, and be without His great salvation"?—*Free Methodist.*

Let it not be imagined that the life of a good Christian must necessarily be a life of melancholy and gloominess, for he only resigns some pleasures to enjoy others infinitely greater.

Men discover that it is far more convenient to adulterate the truth than to refine themselves. They will not advance their minds to the standard, therefore they lower the standard.

Jehovah, Jesus our Shepherd, careth for His feeble as well as for His strong ones, with all the sympathies of our nature and all the power of Deity.

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