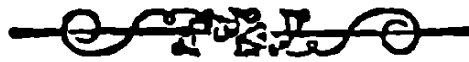




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HARK ! A voice from heaven addresses you poor sinners. Are you anxious to know what the voice says ? Then listen. “ Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth ; for I am God, and there is none else.” Isa. xlv. 22.

Do what you are invited to do — “ look ” to Jesus. Where is He ? Look up, by faith, and there, in the brightest spot of the glory of God, you will see

the very same Saviour who bore our sins in His own body on the tree. But you will see Him there without sins; God could not, and would not, have them in glory.

When Jesus was on the cross He had the sins of all who believe in Him upon Him. He suffered there at the hands of God for them; He put them all away with His blood before He left the cross. He went into the grave, rose again, and ascended to heaven without one of them; and, as I said just now, if you look up to heaven you will see Him there without sins upon

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Him; and all who believe in Him are entitled to know that as He is, so are they in this world. 1 John iv. 17.

Sinner, do you know why you are not damned? Because grace reigns. And do you know why you are not saved? Only because you do not believe the grace of God.

If you refuse to look to Jesus, allow me to tell you that you will take out of this world with you what you never brought into it—SINS; and if you die in your sins, you will be buried in them, and they and you will have a resurrection together.

If you should die in your sins, which may God in His mercy forbid ! your body may be buried, and you may leave behind you those who will follow your body to the grave weeping and mourning. But when you are raised in your sins you will be the chief mourner, and you will weep scalding tears of bitterest remorse *for ever*, and FOR EVER, and FOR EVER, in the lake of fire.

Thank God, dear reader, that you have a body out of the grave, and a soul out of hell ; and I cry to you, in the language of Scripture, to “ behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin

of the world.” John i. 29. If you will only look, you will be able to say, “And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne . . . stood a Lamb, as it had been slain.” Rev. v. 6. The *slain* Lamb is now the *enthroned* Lamb.

It is *only* a “look” that is required, but then it must *not* be into your own heart, but to a living, loving Saviour in heaven. “How am I to look?” you say. Believing in Him is looking, and immediately you are “saved.” And how wide and all-embracing is the invitation! It is to “all the ends of the earth.” It is the

Old Testament way of saying
“*whosoever*.”

Now mark, it is *not* look unto churches, chapels, or mission halls, for salvation, but “look unto Me.” It is *not* look unto baptism, confirmation, or the Lord’s Supper for salvation, but “look unto Me.” Nor does it say, Look unto your tears, prayers, or repentance, for salvation (we speak not against these things, but against *looking* to them for salvation), but “look unto Me.” Again, it does *not* say, Look unto your reformation, philanthropy, or temperance, for salvation, but “look unto Me.” Once more, it does *not* say, Look

within you, or look around you, or look to religion, for salvation, but "LOOK UNTO ME, and be ye saved."

Just as the serpent-bitten Israelite in Numbers xxi. was told to look to the uplifted brazen serpent and live, so you are invited to look to Jesus, once lifted up on the cross for you, but now seated on the throne of God in heaven, and you will be saved.

He is *not* saying, Look unto Me, and *feel* ye are saved ; or look unto Me, and *hope* ye are saved ; or look unto Me, and *think* ye are saved ; or look unto Me, and *doubt* ye are saved ;

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but “*look unto Me*, and BE YE
SAVED.”

It is the outward look that brings the inward peace, whilst the inward look brings inward misery.

You must have the tree before there can be any fruit; you must have the fountain before you can have the stream; so you *must* be saved before you can do any good works that God can accept. Works flow from salvation, but they never produce it. See Eph. ii. 8–10.

“There is life in a look at the *glorified* One;
There is life *at this moment* for thee;
Then look, sinner, look unto Him and be saved,
Unto Him who was nailed to the tree.”

But after we have looked unto Jesus in heaven for salvation, we have to look for Him from heaven to come and take us there. “And unto them that *look for Him* shall He appear the second time, without sin (that is, apart from all question of sin, that question having been settled at the cross) unto salvation.” Heb. ix. 28.

The moment we, as confessedly guilty sinners, looked to Jesus by faith, we were saved, and to such God says, “By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should^s boast.” Eph. ii.

8, 9. But the salvation which is in Christ Jesus has only been applied to our souls at present. Hence it says, in 1 Peter i. 9, “Receiving the end of your faith, even *the salvation of your souls.*” When the Saviour returns He will apply His salvation to our bodies, thus we shall have saved souls in saved and glorified bodies. *Faith* is connected in Scripture with the salvation of the *soul*, and *hope* with the salvation of the *body*. We have seen the former in 1 Peter i. 9 ; see the latter in Romans viii. 23–25 ; Phil: iii. 20, 21.

“But,” says somebody, “it is

only unto those who 'look for Him' that He will appear the second time, so that if we are not looking when He comes we shall not be taken." Stay, friend, not quite so fast, please. The coming of the Lord for His saints is always connected with *grace*, and not responsibility, in Scripture; whereas you make it, by your unscriptural views, to be connected with responsibility, and *not* with grace. The Holy Spirit puts it plainly enough in 1 Cor. xv. 23, where He says, "Christ, the first-fruits; 'afterward *they that are Christ's*, at His coming." So that if they

are taken when Christ comes it will be, not because they are watching, but because they “*are* Christ’s;” and if they are left, it will not be because they are not watching, but because they are *not* Christ’s.

When we are saved we are placed midway between the cross and the glory, and on the road home to glory we are thus exhorted: To “lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, *looking unto Jesus*, the Author and Finisher of our faith.”
Heb. xii. 1, 2.

Faith looks to the living, loving Saviour for the present and everlasting salvation of the soul; *hope* looks patiently for His return for glorification with Himself; and *love* is ever looking away from everybody and everything, to "JESUS ONLY," for satisfaction and preservation.

Faith knows that it has the salvation of the soul now; *hope* knows that it will have the salvation of this now poor, debilitated body at His second coming; and *love* knows that it will be saved through all sorts of difficulties right into the glory.

Oh, what a Saviour, and what

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a salvation! Do you know this blessed Saviour, and are you in possession of His salvation? If not, do listen to Him saying to you from heaven, "LOOK UNTO ME, AND BE YE SAVED."

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