

NOTHING MORE WANTED

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AT the close of a gospel meeting in the West Indies, a woman in great distress of soul remained to speak with me.

"Will you tell me what is troubling you?" I asked.

"Oh, sir," she said, "there is something more wanted."

"Indeed! What is it?" I enquired.

"Well," she said, "I really trust in Jesus, I know that He died for me, but something more is wanted."

"You are sure that Jesus died for you?" I asked.

"Yes, I am sure of it."

"And that He is able to save you?"

"Yes, I am sure of that."

"Do you think that He is willing to save you?"

"Oh, I know that He is willing," was her earnest reply.

"And you tell me that you really trust Him as your Saviour?"

"Yes," she said, "I do; but I am not happy; something more is wanted."

"There is nothing more wanted to make you safe," I replied. "If you have really believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, you are as safe as He can make you. Not one poor sinner who trusted in Him was ever lost. But it is one thing to be safe, and another thing to be sure about it. What you need is to have assurance, and this you may have on the authority of the Word of God."

Taking my Bible, I turned to Acts 13: 38, 39, and read, "Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him all that believe are justified from all things."

"Now, here we have God's unchanging truth. He says, 'All that believe are justified.' Are you a believer?"

"Yes, I am," she answered.

"Then what does God say about you?" I asked.

"I'm justified," she answered, with a sigh of relief.

"How do you know?" I queried.

"It says so there," was her reply.

"Then do you want anything else?"

"Nothing more now, sir; that's enough," was her emphatic answer, as she saw for the first time, on the authority of God's Word, that she

belonged to the justified company because she was one of the "all that believe."

Thank God! His word is true, and upon the authority of God's Word every believer may say, "I'm justified."

I quoted those same words to a young fellow in Canada who was longing to have peace with God.

"Let me look at the verse," he said. "I never saw it like that before."

Slowly he read the verse over, and then, rubbing his eyes as the light broke into his soul, he said, "Praise God, I'm justified."

"How do you know that?" I asked.

"Why, 'The Book' says so," was his triumphant reply.

Yes, the Book that never lies says, "By Him, all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

"What does justified mean?" said a hard-headed but conscience-stricken miner in the North of England to me on one occasion.

I replied, "The man who is justified stands in God's sight as clear of all his sins as is Jesus the Saviour."

Placing his finger on the verse in my Bible, he asked, "Do you mean to tell me that if I believe that verse I shall be clear of my sins like that?"

"No," I answered. "What I say is, if in simple faith you look to Jesus for pardon and salvation, believing what the Bible says about Him, what that verse says about 'all that believe' will be true of you."

"I see that, and I thank God for it," was his happy response.

God's Word is reliable. You may safely rest in what it asserts. It has been written for us that we might know with certainty these blessed things, and that we might have joy and peace in believing.

If you have been in any way aroused to the need of your soul, I would earnestly entreat you not to delay this solemn question. Let no other question intervene. Lay hold of God's salvation to-day.

How can you be happy in a world that is rolling on to judgment? How can you be happy with the load of years of sins upon your soul? How can you be happy when you know not the moment when death may seize you and hurl you into lost eternity?

Soul of man! wake up to these solemn matters and seek God's salvation.

Christians are the only people in the world who have a right to be happy, but they do not know that they are saved because they are happy, but

they are happy because they know they are saved. To put feelings first is to put the cart before the horse; the right order is as follows:—

- (1) GOD'S FACTS
- (2) YOUR FAITH
- (3) HAPPY FEELINGS.

I am aware that many deny that anyone can be sure about his soul's salvation in this world, but as **one verse of Scripture is better than ten thousand thoughts and opinions of men**, we will set aside all that you and others may think, or feel, or say, and look for a moment at some of God's facts.

The First Great Fact

which you must accept is that you need a Saviour. God speaks very definitely on this point.

You are "**guilty before God**" (Rom. 3: 9).

You are "**without strength**" (Rom. 5: 6).

Death is before you, and "**after this the judgment**" (Heb. 9: 27).

Every Christless soul is included in these Scriptures, for before God "**there is no difference**" (Rom. 3: 22). You may not feel that what God says about you is true, but, if so, your feelings are all astray; **God's facts alone are worthy to be relied upon**. Let Him be true, and every man a liar.

It is evident, then, that there is no hope for you in yourself, and that if you are to be saved, God must in perfect grace undertake for you and provide a way of salvation Himself, for you certainly cannot make or find one. This is just what God has done.

The Second Great Fact

is, there is a Saviour for you. We read, “**God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son**” (John 3: 16).

“**Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**” (I Tim. 1: 15).

“**Christ died for the ungodly**” (Rom. 5: 6).

Now in the Gospel we see the righteousness of God fully revealed, and His love displayed at the same time. The love of God was displayed in the gift of His Son, and we see His righteousness maintained when Jesus suffered sin’s full penalty. He suffered, the Just One for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. And now God can take to Himself the glorious title of “**Him that justifieth the ungodly**” (Rom. 4: 5). He is “**just and the Justifier of him that believeth in Jesus**” (Rom. 3: 26).

Jesus accomplished the work of redemption, and God has raised Him from the dead; thus it is proved that God was fully satisfied with His work.

Now God’s glad tidings do not speak of your

feelings or doings, but about Christ; the Gospel tells you what he has accomplished for you, and of the blessing you may have through Him.

The Third Great Fact

is that this blessing can only be secured by faith in Christ. God's glorious Gospel word is " Whosoever." But it is not whosoever prayeth, or feeleth, or worketh, but " whosoever believeth in Him " (John 3: 16). " Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved " (Acts 16: 31). " By Him, all that believe are justified from all things " (Acts 13: 39).

Put your faith in God's facts, and the whole thing is settled; believe what He tells you about Christ, and believe what He tells you about " all that believe. "

Take Him at His word; thank Him for His boundless grace; then you will not feel justified, but will feel very happy because you know, on the authority of God's own Word, that you are justified.

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