

## IMMEDIATE SALVATION FOR THEE.

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**K**IND reader permit me to say a few words to thee concerning thine eternal welfare, and may God, who loves thee, help me.

Thou art immortal, the offspring of the Father of spirits; and because He is eternal, so art thou. On earth, in the visible creation within man's knowledge, there is nothing of such infinite importance as an immortal spirit, such as thou art.

The sun is but a spark of fire  
A transient meteor in the sky;  
The spirit eternal as its sire,  
Shall never die.

But thy body is mortal, it is of the earth, earthy, and it will die, decay, and pass away into dust again. There are no exceptions. Look at thy body, touch thy pulse, listen to thy throbbing heart and say, "Oh body, thou art warm with life, but thou shalt ere long be cold in death; for the silver cord shall soon be loosed, and thou shalt return to the earth, but my liberated spirit shall return to God who gave it" Then pause, ponder deeply in thy mind the solemn thought, and speak once more,—"But oh my spirit, art thou prepared to stand before 'the great white throne' of judgment, shouldest thou be summoned to-day?"

Kind reader, if thou art unsaved, thou art lost, hast thou ever earnestly looked upon the Eternity into which thou mayest be ushered at one step? Consider now, "Behold NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation." Do not delay: for that may be fatal. Thy danger is immediate, and, therefore, so is thy need. God has, consequently, provided an immediate salvation. Let me tell thee very simply how thou mayest be immediately saved.

First, THOU MUST IMMEDIATELY REPENT. God's Holy Spirit has already convinced thee that thou art a sinner. Thou dost need a Savior. Turn from thy sin at once, with sincere hatred of all thine evil deeds and thoughts, with sincere sorrow and desire for mercy. Like the dying Israelites, the fiery serpents of sin have, with their deadly venom, poisoned all the streams of thy being. Thou didst nurse these vipers in thy bosom, and

gavest them the love thou didst deny to God. Even now, although thou knowest these sins are stinging thee like death adders, thou art strangely fascinated by their glamour; and, maddened with unsatisfied desire, thou art permitting them to coil more firmly around thy soul, and drain thy life away. Dying soul. Arouse thee! Look to Him who died to save thee, and thou shall live.

As when the Hebrew prophet raised  
The brazen serpent high,  
The wounded looked, and straight were cured.  
The people ceased to die.

So from the Saviour on the cross.  
A healing virtue flows;  
Who looks to Him with lively faith,  
Is saved from endless woes.

Second, THOU MUST IMMEDIATELY BELIEVE, AND PRAY, BELIEVING THAT GOD WILL FULFIL HIS PROMISE TO THEE.

God requires thee to believe (1) that He loves thee; (2) that He came in the person of His Son to save thee; (3) that His Son, Jesus the Christ, bore thy sins, thy sorrows, and died for thee; (4) that He rose from the dead and is thine Advocate above, ever ready to interceded for thee; and (5) that if thou dost truly ask the Father in His name, and dost from thy heart "forsake," and "Confess" thy sin, thou shalt be saved that moment, for it is written—1 John 1:9—"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Do that, in simple faith, and thou art saved immediately. Not that THY faith saves thee; for faith never saved any one, and yet no one was ever saved without faith. It is the GRACE, the free love and almighty power, of God which saves the sinner who prays in faith; for it is written—Ephesians 2:5—"For by grace ye are saved," and again, in the 8<sup>th</sup> verse, "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." Does this seem hard to understand? Let me try to explain it still further. Suppose thou are poor, and in great need. One who is kind, and very rich, give thee a cheque for money covering all thy wants. At the Bank, thou dost present that cheque in faith, and thy faith is rewarded by getting all the money. But it was not thy faith which provided the money—no, it was thy kind friend who had placed it there for thee, it was his grace, so to speak, which answered the demand of thy faith, which believed his written word. So with thy God. Perishing soul, loving cheques upon the Bank of Infinite Love and Power are

given thee, which cover all thy need, at all times. Take this:—"Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Hebrews 7:25. Present this now, this very moment, at the Throne of Grace; and thou shalt be saved immediately and to the uttermost.

The Gospels, and other portions of the inspired word, are full of proofs that Christ saves sinners IMMEDIATELY. All his acts of healing were "immediate;" as they are still. The leper, who came in faith, was "immediately" cleansed (see Mark 1:40-42) Peter's wife's mother was "immediately" healed when Jesus touched her (Luke 4:39); the woman who had spent all she had on doctors, after twelve years of weary and increasing suffering, was 'immediately' healed when she touched Him with faith, (Luke 8:43,44) the man who had lain for thirty-eight years, was "immediately made whole" at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9); the man, "above forty years old," and "lame from birth" was healed" in the name of Jesus Christ," at the Beautiful Gate, and "immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength" (Acts 3: 1-11); and many other were healed immediately of whom thou canst read. And it was thus too that Christ forgave penitent sinners, such as the fallen woman who wept at his feet in the Pharisee's house, to whom He there said, "Thy sins are forgiven" (Luke 7:48), and in the Pearl of Parables, He taught us that the Eternal Father goes forth to meet the returning, sorrowing sinner, and saves him "immediately" and forever.

Oh decide now, lest thy day of grace be gone, and the day of judgment find thee doomed. He is able, He is willing; and, if thou dost perish, it is because thou wilt not be save. How shall THOU escape, if THOU dost neglect so great salvation? How? How? It is the one question which even God cannot answer. How? How?

Oh, be earnest, do not stay,  
Thou mayest perish, e'en to-day.  
Rise, thou lost one, rise and flee,  
Lo Thy Saviour waits for thee.