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“The Lord is my strength and song, and he is
become my salvation.”

EXO. XV. 2.

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“THE LORD
IS GREAT IN POWER,
THE LORD
HATH HIS WAY IN THE WHIRLWIND
AND IN THE STORM.”

NAHUM I. 3.

“BEHOLD,
GOD IS MY SALVATION ;
I WILL TRUST,
AND NOT BE AFRAID :
FOR THE LORD JEHOVAH IS MY
STRENGTH.”

ISAIAH XII. 2.

THE INFLUENCE OF CHRIST.

I DO not know anything more interesting than the wisdom with which the Lord Jesus from heaven brings about His sway in the heart of man at the present time. He proposes to bring about His sway in your heart and in mine, and in effecting that He brings about universal unification. His thought in the gift of the Spirit was that the barriers that had been raised up among the nations should be overthrown. Satan's great aim, from the building of Babel onwards, has been to bring about a universal unity of mankind in opposition to the purpose of God to "head up all things in Christ." God brought in the barrier of nations at Babel; He scattered them abroad, and He confounded their language; and if God can raise up a barrier He will not allow any one else to overthrow it. He regards any attempt to do so as rebellion.

Now what He does is this: He brings in a Man and makes manifest His approval of that Man. After thirty years of private life it is announced from heaven that Jesus is the Son of God. "This is my beloved Son, in whom I have found all my delight." Then on the mount of transfiguration He is owned as the One who is qualified to speak, qualified to be heard, "This is my beloved Son; hear him." And at the close of the Gospel of Luke He is carried up into heaven. That Man, as the approved of God, is carried back into heaven; He is in the presence of God. The last chapter presents Him extending His hands in blessing, "He led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them." What a Man Christ was! His hands extended in the blessing of man, He is carried up into heaven. A Man who is engaged in the blessing of men here on earth is carried up into heaven. God approves that Man

I have often thought of the breastplate of the High Priest. The breastplate signified that the Lord loved His people; the breastplate is for God. It was that which met the eye of God when the Lord entered heaven. That is the Man that God delights in. A Man who loved the saints on earth is carried into heaven, and heaven is occupied and dominated by that Man. The everlasting doors were opened to a Man—a Man who can love. One upon whose breast are written all the names of His saints; that is the approved Man; and He is carried up into heaven, and He dominates heaven.

Now when He goes there the sphere of blessing is necessarily extended; He intends to influence in blessing the whole race of mankind; it is all to come under the influence of Christ, under the influence of the Man whose hands are extended in blessing. Peter, in Acts ii., speaks of Him as being "by the right hand of God exalted"—the approved Man is exalted, and being in the highest place He sheds forth the gift of the Spirit, and that implies that the blessing is to be universal. "We do hear them speak in our own language." What language? The language of "every nation under heaven." There are none others. Christ is in heaven; God has exalted Him to that place, and every nation under heaven is to be influenced by Him through the gift of the Spirit. There was a change in heaven when Jesus went there; the One who blessed upon earth is the One who dominates heaven, and from that place the influence of Christ is irresistible. You cannot bind it any more than one could bind the "sweet influences of the Pleiades"—this is the influence of the Blessor; and so complete is the blessing that there is absolute deliverance from every worldly combination, and that He brings about the unification of men.

J. T.

EPHESIANS I.

COME, let us ascend,
My companion and friend,
To a taste of the banquet above ;
If thy heart be as mine,
If for Jesus it pine,
Come up to the chariot of love.

Who in Jesus confide,
We are bold to outride,
The storms of affliction beneath ;
With the Spirit we soar,
To the heavenly shore,
And outfly all the arrows of death.

By *faith* we are come,
To our permanent home,
By *hope* we the prospect improve ;
By *love* we still rise,
And look down on the skies,
For the *heaven of heavens is love.*

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EXTRACT FROM A LETTER.

“If He has chosen us to be the companions of His Son for eternity it is not likely He will overlook anything concerning one’s pathway here—only, what He has unswervingly at heart is, to work in us that which will make our eternity more blessed and to fit us for our appointed place in the holy city.

“It is very blessed when we are in any degree of one mind with Him as to this.”

JANUARY.

8. Full Moon, 7h. 42m. A.M. | 23. New Moon, 7h. 40m. A.M.
 16. Last Quar., 11h. 42m. A.M. | 30. First Quar., 1h. 2m. A.M.

I am the good Shepherd.

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| 1 | M | He found him in a desert land. [shoulders, rejoicing. |
| 2 | TU | And when He hath found it, He layeth it on His |
| 3 | W | Rejoice with Me; for I have found My sheep. |
| 4 | TH | For this my son was dead, and is alive again. |
| 5 | F | He was lost, and is found. And they began to be |
| 6 | S | He brought me up also out of an horrible pit. [merry. |
| 7 | S | Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. |
| 8 | M | I will seek that which was lost. |
| 9 | TU | When I passed by thee ... I said unto thee ... Live. |
| 10 | W | I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love. |
| 11 | TH | Deliver him from ... the pit: I have found a ransom. |
| 12 | F | He had found one pearl of great price. |
| 13 | S | The Son of man is come to seek and to save. |
| 14 | S | Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. |
| 15 | M | In His love and in His pity He redeemed them. [ed. |
| 16 | TU | Ye were as sheep going astray; but are now return- |
| 17 | W | The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. |
| 18 | TH | Ye who sometime were far off are made nigh. |
| 19 | F | He shall gather the lambs with His arm. [theo. |
| 20 | S | With everlasting kindness will I have mercy on |
| 21 | S | With lovingkindness have I drawn thee. [pentance. |
| 22 | M | I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to re- |
| 23 | TU | The good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. |
| 24 | W | The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: |
| 25 | TH | And He delighteth in his way. |
| 26 | F | Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down. |
| 27 | S | Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, |
| 28 | S | And afterward receive me to glory. [begotten Son. |
| 29 | M | For God so loved the world, that He gave His only |
| 30 | TU | What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? |
| 31 | W | Lord, that I may receive my sight. |

"LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS."

IT would seem that 2 Timothy was written after the Epistle to the Ephesians: for the apostle, the "prisoner of the Lord," can speak of "all they which are in Asia" having turned away from him. (Chap. i. 15.) And again later in the epistle (chap. iv. 16) of all having "forsaken" him. Ecclesiastical evil had come in; there was defection from church truth, and the vessel of the testimony had been forsaken with the testimony he witnessed. Not only was it true that they had left their first love, but the apostle who had ministered to them that which would promote it was despised and forsaken.

It is beautiful to consider the personal exercises and position of the apostle in connection with the truth ministered in this epistle. The special testimony of the moment having been surrendered, what will he bring forward to meet the defection? This epistle written to an individual servant of the Lord, Paul's "dearly beloved son," presents that in which alone the testimony can be maintained.

What is in question here is not eternal life as in the first epistle, but the more general, and in a sense deeper question of *life*—and that "in Christ Jesus."

Life is what gives you power to stem the tide of ecclesiastical evil and to accept the breakdown. But it is life in connection with an order of man in which there is no breakdown and no defection: life "in Christ Jesus." We look for nothing from or in man, but we find everything in Him.

Is it not in this way that we *practically* and *experimentally* reach the truth of the *heavenly* position? All having failed in man's hands as to any corporate testimony on *earth*, we reach in our souls the objective ever before God of the saints "raised up together and made to sit down together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus."

P. R. M.

FEBRUARY.

7. Full Moon, 3h. 28m. A.M. | 21. New Moon, 6h. 9m. P.M.
 15. Last Quar., 1h. 53m. A.M. | 28. First Quar., 4h. 44m. P.M.

I am the Bread of life.

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| 1 | TH | He guided them in the wilderness like a flock. |
| 2 | F | He led them on safely, so that they feared not. |
| 3 | S | He bare them, and carried them all the days of old. |
| 4 | S | By day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way ; |
| 5 | M | And by night in a pillar of fire. |
| 6 | TU | I am the Lord thy God ... which leadeth thee. |
| 7 | W | He led them forth by the right way. |
| 8 | TH | He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him. |
| 9 | F | He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, |
| 10 | S | Even by the springs ... shall He guide them. |
| 11 | S | He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness. |
| 12 | M | I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not ; |
| 13 | TU | I will lead them in paths that they have not known. |
| 14 | W | The meek will He guide in judgment ; |
| 15 | TH | The meek will He teach His way. |
| 16 | F | As for the upright, He directeth his way. |
| 17 | S | It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. |
| 18 | S | He guided them by the skilfulness of His hands. |
| 19 | M | So He fed them according to the integrity of His |
| 20 | TU | Give us this day our daily bread. [heart. |
| 21 | W | Where is the way where light dwelleth ? |
| 22 | TH | God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. |
| 23 | F | Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous |
| 24 | S | Then opened He their understanding, [things. |
| 25 | S | That they might understand the scriptures. |
| 26 | M | He expounded ... the things concerning Himself. |
| 27 | TU | A friend loveth at all times, |
| 28 | W | And a brother is born for adversity. |

A PRAISE SONG.

TO Thee the praise! Never a song of men
But has its under-breath of woe and pain;
With Thee, no woe, but joy!
Joy with no dull alloy:

O Lord to Thee the praise, the glory strain!

Thou wast on God's behalf, Thou Son of God.
Thine was the way of water and of blood:
Yes, Thou hast come and died;
Thy God is glorified;

To Thee the praise beyond the judgment flood.

Death could not hold Thee, though Thou cam'st to
die:

The grave must yield, Thy goal is in the sky!

God claims Thee from the tomb,

Where Thou did'st bear our doom:

And sets Thee down in majesty on high!

To Thee the praise! Homage and song and laud!

Thy name vibrating, wakens every chord

In heaven above, in earth beneath,

In every creature that hath breath:

To Thee, O Lord, the praise, by all adored!

To Thee the praise! Thou wast before all things;

Creation born of Thee, awakes and sings!

But man who knows Thy grace

Bends low before Thy face,

And deep, adoring love to Thee he brings.

MARCH.

8. Full Moon, 9h. 58m. P.M. | 23. New Moon, 4h. 5m. A.M.
16. First Quar., 0h. 33m. P.M. | 30. First Quar., 10h. 36m. A.M.

I am the Resurrection and the Life.

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| 1 | TH | Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring |
| 2 | F | O death, where is thy sting? [with Him. |
| 3 | S | O grave, where is thy victory? [profit. |
| 4 | S | I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to |
| 5 | M | I have taught thee in the way of wisdom. |
| 6 | TU | All thy children shall be taught of the Lord. |
| 7 | W | Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom. |
| 8 | TH | I Wisdom dwell with prudence. |
| 9 | F | Counsel is Mine, and sound wisdom : |
| 10 | S | I am understanding ; I have strength. |
| 11 | S | The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. |
| 12 | M | I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel. |
| 13 | TU | The Lord give thee understanding in all things. |
| 14 | W | He would shew thee the secrets of wisdom. |
| 15 | TH | O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth. |
| 16 | F | He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous. |
| 17 | S | He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee. |
| 18 | S | The Lord ... teacheth my hands to war. [way. |
| 19 | M | The wisdom of the prudent is to understand His |
| 20 | TU | Thou ... hast made me wiser than mine enemies. |
| 21 | W | The Father Himself loveth you. [His paths. |
| 22 | TH | He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in |
| 23 | F | Through Thy precepts I get understanding. |
| 24 | S | I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not My law. |
| 25 | S | Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. |
| 26 | M | The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom. |
| 27 | TU | Trust ye in the Lord for ever : |
| 28 | W | For in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength. |
| 29 | TH | The Lord God ... will make my feet like hinds' feet. |
| 30 | F | He will make me to walk upon mine high places. |
| 31 | S | Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ. |

REST.

THE very sound of the word rest is sweet in this scene of moral and actual disturbance. It speaks of that which the soul enjoys through knowing Christ as the Centre of that scene which is being formed for the glory and pleasure of God. The thought expressed by the word rest is more positive than the thought of peace. When Christ is known as the One who has vanquished every foe, the fruit of that victory is enjoyed, and this is peace. But when Christ is apprehended as the Centre, the One who is forming a world for the Father's pleasure, then rest is enjoyed.

In Matthew xi. a great moral disturbance is described. The King is rejected, John the Baptist even doubts whether Christ is the One who "should come," the call to repentance by John and the grace of God shining in Christ were alike refused by the people of Israel and the very cities where Christ's "mighty works" were done remained unbelieving. The end must be that the righteous judgment of God would fall upon the nation.

It was "at that time" that Jesus undisturbed by all around Him took a position apart from the whole order of things then existing, and as the One who would fulfil all the Father's thoughts in forming another world said, "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest." Rest is therefore only known when morally we leave this world and come to Christ as the Centre of a world which vibrates with response to the perfect revelation of God in grace. Christ is then known as the beginning of the creation of God, and rest is found, even while in a world characterised by upheaval and sorrow, through the enjoyment of the moral perfection shining in the One who is the Centre of a universe which will abide for God's glory.—J. S. G.

APRIL.

7. Full Moon, 1h. 49m. P.M. | 21. New Moon, 2h. 1m. P.M.
 14. Last Quar., 8h. 12m. P.M. | 29. First Quar., 5h. 22m. A.M.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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| 1 | S | No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. |
| 2 | M | He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life. |
| 3 | Tu | Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. |
| 4 | W | Those that Thou gavest Me I have kept. [hand. |
| 5 | Th | No man is able to pluck them out of My Father's |
| 6 | F | My meditation of Him shall be sweet. |
| 7 | S | The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety. |
| 8 | S | The peace of God ... shall keep your hearts and |
| 9 | M | He will keep the feet of His saints. [minds. |
| 10 | Tu | He kept him as the apple of His eye. [salvation. |
| 11 | W | Kept by the power of God through faith unto |
| 12 | Th | Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee. [hand. |
| 13 | F | The Lord is thy Keeper ... thy Shade upon thy right |
| 14 | S | I will hold thine hand, and will keep thee. [Him. |
| 15 | S | He is able to keep that which I have committed unto |
| 16 | M | I the Lord do keep it ... I will keep it night and day. |
| 17 | Tu | No man shall set on thee to hurt thee. |
| 18 | W | With me thou shalt be in safeguard. |
| 19 | Th | The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil. |
| 20 | F | The needy shall lie down in safety. |
| 21 | S | I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation. |
| 22 | S | Able to keep you from falling. [served for ever. |
| 23 | M | The Lord forsaketh not His saints; they are pre- |
| 24 | Tu | Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace. |
| 25 | W | He shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. |
| 26 | Th | We shall live with Him by the power of God. |
| 27 | F | I will keep thee in all places whither thou goest. |
| 28 | S | He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. |
| 29 | S | Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; |
| 30 | M | They shall prosper that love thee. |

PSALM XCI.

O GOD Most High! how blest Thy secret place,
Where we may dwell secure from every ill,
Almighty Thou, Thine overshadowing grace
Preserves us free to do Thy holy will.

Jehovah, God, the refuge of my soul,
My fortress strong, in Thee I will confide;
Death and destruction onward still may roll,
With Thee is safety from the whelming tide.

Where could I nestle save beneath Thy wings?
And with Thy feathers covered from the storm,
Find in Thy truth a shield, when Satan flings
His fiery darts, in every wicked form.

Fear not, my soul, the terror of the night,
Nor dread the arrow flying in the day,
Plague and destruction spreading still their blight,
Shall leave thee yet untouched to go thy way.

Though yet ten thousand fall at thy right hand,
Thou shalt be kept, no harm shall thee befall;
Before the Lord, Jehovah, thou shalt stand,
His name thy refuge and Himself thine all.

His angels, too, shall keep thee in thy ways,
Charged to support thee in their mighty hand,
That in thy walk throughout thy pilgrim days
A witness for thy God thou mayest stand.

Thou wilt preserve me from the lion's might,
O God, that I might know Thy wondrous love,
And Thou wilt keep me in the path of light
Until I reach Thee in that scene above.

In all my trouble I will call on Thee,
Thou wilt deliver me from every ill,
And life eternal shall my portion be,
And Thou, O God, the universe wilt fill.

Harrow.

J. JAY.

MAY.

7. Full Moon, 2h.43m. A.M. | 21. New Moon, 0h.47m. A.M.
14. Last Quar., 1h.48m. A.M. | 28. First Quar., 1h. 34m. P.M.

I am the Door of the sheep.

- 1 Tu I am come that they might have life.
2 W The good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.
3 TH There shall be one flock and one Shepherd.
4 F My sheep hear My voice, and I know them.
5 S The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
6 S We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be
7 M For we shall see Him as He is. [like Him;
8 Tu As He is, so are we in this world.
9 W We love Him, because He first loved us.
10 TH We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.
11 F I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. [our body.
12 S The life also of Jesus might be made manifest in
13 S Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.
14 M We shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
15 Tu Changed into the same image from glory to glory.
16 W We shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.
17 TH They shall walk with Me in white.
18 F Holy and without blame before Him in love.
19 S As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.
20 S Partakers of the divine nature. [ousness.
21 M Put on the new man, which ... is created in right-
22 Tu If we be dead with Christ, we shall also live with
23 W If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him; [Him:
24 TH If we deny Him, He also will deny us.
25 F Study to shew thyself approved unto God,
26 S A workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
27 S Rightly dividing the word of truth.
28 M Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks;
29 Tu Thy name is near Thy wondrous works declare.
30 W Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee.
31 TH I will be glad in the Lord.

THE TWO CUPS.

(LUKE XXII. 8-20.)

IN this striking passage how our blessed Lord, as the Master, in the activities of His love, is set before us. It is His will that orders and is carried out. First He said "Go," and they answer, "Where wilt *thou*?" and the fitting place is the guest chamber. He is the prominent One who foresees, provides and sets out the loving desire of His own heart. "I have heartily desired to eat this pass-over with you before I suffer." "Having loved his own he loved them to the end." But how clearly distinguished here are the two suppers, each with its cup. In verse 17 He took the cup connected with the passover and judgment, and after giving thanks said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves," that ends it.

Then in verse 19 He instituted the new thing—the Lord's supper—with another cup, called elsewhere, "the cup of blessing." That never ends—never will, never can; it remains ever full. They and we drink of it. It is exhaustless, we do not divide it amongst ourselves; like every provision of the riches of grace there is enough and to spare.

The new covenant, the expression of the will of the Testator, is characterised by perfection and permanence. "He taketh away the first that he may establish the second."

The paschal cup was finished—they divided it among themselves. We drink of the cup of blessing, exhaustless—it never will be finished.

J. G. D.

JUNE.

5. Full Moon, 1h. 7m. P.M. | 19. New Moon, 1h. 2m. P.M.
 12. Last Quar., 6h. 39m. A.M. | 27. First Quar., 4h. 8m. P.M.

I am the Light of the world.

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| 1 | F | He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness. |
| 2 | S | If any man serve Me, let him follow Me. |
| 3 | S | Where I am, there shall also My servant be. |
| 4 | M | In Thy presence is fulness of joy. |
| 5 | Tu | Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty. [ness. |
| 6 | W | I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy like- |
| 7 | Th | His servants shall serve Him : and they shall see |
| 8 | F | His name shall be in their foreheads. [His face. |
| 9 | S | The king's daughter is all glorious. [needlework. |
| 10 | S | She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of |
| 11 | M | So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty ; |
| 12 | Tu | He is thy Lord ; and worship thou Him. [women. |
| 13 | W | Kings' daughters were among Thy honourable |
| 14 | Th | The Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints |
| 15 | F | These... follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. |
| 16 | S | Now we see through a glass, darkly ; but then face |
| 17 | S | Thenshall ye also appear with Him in glory. [to face. |
| 18 | M | Ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not |
| 19 | Tu | Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. [away. |
| 20 | W | Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone. |
| 21 | Th | He that believeth shall not make haste. |
| 22 | F | The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord. |
| 23 | S | To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me. |
| 24 | S | If a man love Me, he will keep My words. |
| 25 | M | He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings. |
| 26 | Tu | If ye love Me, keep My commandments. |
| 27 | W | Ye shall have a song as in the night. |
| 28 | Th | A Man shall be as an hiding place from the wind ; |
| 29 | F | As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. |
| 30 | S | And so shall we ever be with the Lord. |

THE BRAZEN ALTAR.

(EXO. XXVII.)

THE furthest point out to which God has come in His mercy to man is set forth in the brazen altar; it sets forth the death of Christ. Where God finishes man begins; the first thing that meets the eye of an exercised person who has entered the gate of the court is the brazen altar. It was four-square, that is, its bearing was *universal*; it was equal on every side. Then its height was three cubits, and the horns of it were "of itself"—they were not additional, but formed part of the altar itself. I would suggest that the three cubits in height shew that the *Godhead* was concerned in the death of Christ; all three Persons of the Godhead stand in relation to it. The Father gave the Son; and the Son came to do the will of God and offered Himself by the eternal Spirit. Thus we see how the Godhead stands in relation to the death of Christ.

What a sense it gives us of the enduring strength of the death of Christ! *God* is satisfied with that death, and it is the testimony to the length to which the love of God would go in coming out to man. There is first the gate of the court, answering, for us, to baptism, then the brazen altar; we come to appreciate the death of Christ.

God presents His righteousness to us in the death of His Son; then, the further we go on in the divine system, the more He lets us into the secret of His thoughts as to Christ and what He has secured for Himself in Him, till at last we enter the holiest, where we learn that the whole system is evolved from that blessed Man, God's Son, and that all for God eternally rests on *Him*. God brings us to rest where He rests, in Christ glorified.

F. W. J.

JULY.

4. Full Moon, 9h. 41m. P.M. | 19. New Moon, 3h. 0m. A.M.
 11. Last Quar., 0h. 12m. P.M. | 27. First Quar., 6h. 40m. A.M.

I am the true Vine.

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| 1 | S | I am the true Vine, ye are the branches. |
| 2 | M | My Father is the Husbandman. [much fruit. |
| 3 | Tu | He that abideth in Me ... the same bringeth forth |
| 4 | W | Without Me ye can do nothing. |
| 5 | Th | The Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God. |
| 6 | F | Thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of Hosts. |
| 7 | S | A Father of the fatherless... a Judge of the widows. |
| 8 | S | The Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort. |
| 9 | M | A God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful. |
| 10 | Tu | I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. |
| 11 | W | God said, I AM THAT I AM. |
| 12 | Th | Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive. [me. |
| 13 | F | When I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto |
| 14 | S | The Lord also will be a refuge ... in times of trouble. |
| 15 | S | He that is our God is the God of deliverance. |
| 16 | M | The Lord shall be thine everlasting light. |
| 17 | Tu | The days of thy mournings shall be ended. [iniquity. |
| 18 | W | Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth |
| 19 | Th | Ye have seen ... that the Lord is very pitiful. |
| 20 | F | I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you. |
| 21 | S | The Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger. |
| 22 | S | The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble. |
| 23 | M | In the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength. |
| 24 | Tu | God is able to make all grace abound toward you. |
| 25 | W | The eternal God is thy refuge. |
| 26 | Th | Underneath are the everlasting arms. [in God. |
| 27 | F | God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth |
| 28 | S | God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. |
| 29 | S | Fret not thyself because of evil doers. |
| 30 | M | Commit thy way unto the Lord. |
| 31 | Tu | This God is our God for ever and ever. |

THE LIGHT OF LIFE.

“I am the light of the world :
he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life.” (John viii. 12.)

FATHER, in peace our souls adore
The ceaseless wonder of Thy love ;
With glowing hearts our minds explore
Our portion blest in Christ above.

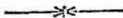
With willing gaze we linger where,
Unhindered, brighter glories shine,
Disclosing Him, whose visage fair
Illumes our souls with light divine.

Yes, it is He ! Thy glorious Son !
Whose feet once trod the desert sand :
With Thee in purpose, counsel, one—
One in fulfilling Love's demand.

All unperceived, His Majesty !
Thy sent One ! Oh, how blest His way !
Alone, yet not alone, was He,
Communion deep enshrined His day.

Nor is that holy life concealed ;
O Light unspeakable, expressed !
The Father in the Son revealed :
The Son beloved—the Father's Rest.

P. S. P.



AUGUST.

3. Full Moon, 5h. 11m. A.M. | 17. New Moon, 6h. 21m. P.M.
 9. Last Quar., 7h. 56m. P.M. | 25. First Quar., 7h. 8m. P.M.

I am Alpha and Omega.

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| 1 | W | The beginning and the end, the first and the last. |
| 2 | TH | The bright and morning Star. |
| 3 | F | The Dayspring from on high hath visited us. |
| 4 | S | Beloved, now are we the sons of God. [Almighty. |
| 5 | S | Ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord |
| 6 | M | Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus |
| 7 | TU | Fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household |
| 8 | W | Ye are the temple of the living God. [of God. |
| 9 | TH | If children then heirs ... joint-heirs with Christ. |
| 10 | F | Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood. |
| 11 | S | The Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people. |
| 12 | S | The Lord's portion is His people. [saints. |
| 13 | M | The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the |
| 14 | TU | We are unto God a sweet savour of Christ. [self. |
| 15 | W | The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Him- |
| 16 | TH | Called, and chosen, and faithful. |
| 17 | F | This people have I formed for Myself. |
| 18 | S | Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee. |
| 19 | S | They shall be Mine ... when I make up My jewels. |
| 20 | M | Servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the |
| 21 | TU | Keep yourselves in the love of God. [heart. |
| 22 | W | Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. |
| 23 | TH | Behold, I will make them to know ... that I have |
| 24 | F | Behold, I come quickly; [loved thee. |
| 25 | S | Hold that fast which thou hast. [benefits. |
| 26 | S | Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His |
| 27 | M | Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness. |
| 28 | TU | Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things. |
| 29 | W | As for man, his days are as grass: [everlasting |
| 30 | TH | But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to |
| 31 | F | To those that remember His commandments. |

RECONCILIATION.

THE question of reconciliation demanded the removal of all that was offensive to God. Before there can be the establishment of what is according to God, there must be the solution of the whole question of evil. But the only One competent to take it up is One who knows it perfectly. (See Gen. iii. 22.) God knew it, and knew it perfectly from the standard of perfect, divine holiness. So the One who can effect the removal of evil must first of all Himself be God. "The image of the invisible God"; One who is "before all things."

But for the establishment of reconciliation the question of death must also be met; for death is the just judgment of God upon sin. Hence the One who is competent to effect reconciliation must also be Man, that He may take the place of man as under death. But it is at this very point that the greatness of His Person comes to light, for while sustaining the judgment of God positionally for man, He not only exhausts it, but survives it, and comes forth in resurrection in all the perfection of His own Person as the pattern of all that is agreeable to God in Man. For the accomplishment of reconciliation it was necessary, not only that God's righteousness should be satisfied in regard of every question raised, but that it should be effected in One not chargeable with the offence, and therefore One upon whom death had no claim. The life which the blessed Lord surrendered in death was an unforfeited life, for He was Himself wholly acceptable to God; so that in bearing the just judgment of God He survives it; there is that over which meets the heart of God.

SEPTEMBER.

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| 1. Full Moon, 0h. 29m. P.M. 8. Last Quar., 7h. 5m. A.M. 30. Full Moon, 8h. 31m. P.M. | 16. New Moon, 10h. 28m. A.M. 24. First Quar., 5h. 41m. A.M. |
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I am the Root and the Offspring of David.

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| 1 | S | The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. |
| 2 | S | The love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. [wind. |
| 3 | M | He stayeth His rough wind in the day of the east |
| 4 | Tu | Redeemed... with the precious blood of Christ. |
| 5 | W | I know that it shall be well with them that fear |
| 6 | Th | Ye shall not need to fight in this battle. [God. |
| 7 | F | Stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord. |
| 8 | S | Unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of right- |
| 9 | S | The Lord God is a sun and shield : [eousness arise. |
| 10 | M | The Lord will give grace and glory. [walk uprightly. |
| 11 | Tu | No good thing will He withhold from them that |
| 12 | W | Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. |
| 13 | Th | I will give peace, and none shall make you afraid. |
| 14 | F | Come unto Me... I will give you rest. [sorrows. |
| 15 | S | Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our |
| 16 | S | It is the Lord ; let Him do what seemeth Him good. |
| 17 | M | The Lord thy God ... led thee in the wilderness. |
| 18 | Tu | To do thee good at thy latter end. [His holiness. |
| 19 | W | He for our profit, that we might be partakers of |
| 20 | Th | He shall choose our inheritance for us. |
| 21 | F | Thou maintainest my lot. |
| 22 | S | He shall bear the glory. |
| 23 | S | O Lord, how manifold are Thy works ! [of Thy riches |
| 24 | M | In wisdom hast thou made them all ; the earth is full |
| 25 | Tu | The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy. |
| 26 | W | The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. [thing. |
| 27 | Th | They that seek the Lord shall not want any good |
| 28 | F | The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty. |
| 29 | S | They shall be abundantly satisfied. [with singing. |
| 30 | S | He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee. |

THE REST OF GOD.

THE individual saint finds rest now through coming to Christ, but he looks forward to the rest of God. The blessedness and character of that rest is seen in it being His rest. Christians speak of it as their rest, but this lowers its character in their minds. The grand fact is that there will be a scene where God can rest, and we through mercy and grace are called to share His rest. The great issue of God's ways on earth will be that God having laboured in the fulfilment of His counsels, those counsels having been fulfilled, He will rest in that which His love has led Him to form. Then there will be a scene in moral accord with the nature of God, and He will find abiding pleasure in that which His love has produced. How encouraging to the soul to know the end! How cheering to the spirit to look forward to the time when God will rest in His love and joy over His people with singing!

With this rest before us we can refuse to appear to come short of it through being overcome by things here, and in sympathy with the heart of God labour in view of the fulfilment of divine counsels. Until this end is reached how appropriate is the word, "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." The one pursuing that course proves the immense value of the word of God and the priesthood of Christ in maintaining his soul with God, and thus the Person of Christ becomes endeared to him, so that to be with Him where He is becomes the one desire of the heart.

J. S. G.

OCTOBER.

7. Last Quar., 10h. 14m. P.M. | 23. First Quar., 2h. 38m. P.M.
 16. New Moon, 2h. 41m. A.M. | 30. Full Moon, 6h. 19m. A.M.

I am He that liveth, and was dead.

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| 1 | M | Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the |
| 2 | Tu | Behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; [world. |
| 3 | W | And have the keys of hell and death. |
| 4 | Th | All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. |
| 5 | F | Chosen...in Him before the foundation of the world. |
| 6 | S | Made sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. |
| 7 | S | God ... hath quickened us together with Christ. |
| 8 | M | As He is, so are we in this world. [Son |
| 9 | Tu | Our fellowship is with the Father, and with His |
| 10 | W | Holy and without blame before Him in love. |
| 11 | Th | Thou art no more a servant, but a son. [spoken. |
| 12 | F | Now ye are clean through the word which I have |
| 13 | S | They are not of the world, even as I am not of the |
| 14 | S | Your life is hid with Christ in God. [world. |
| 15 | M | Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling. |
| 16 | Tu | No condemnation to them which are in Christ |
| 17 | W | Let thy garments be always white. [Jesus. |
| 18 | Th | Blessed with all spiritual blessings ... in Christ |
| 19 | F | Do ye not know ... the saints shall judge the world? |
| 20 | S | More than conquerors through Him that loved us. |
| 21 | S | Ye are complete in Him. |
| 22 | M | In every thing ye are enriched by Him. [God's. |
| 23 | Tu | All are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is |
| 24 | W | Risen with Christ, seek those things ... above, |
| 25 | Th | Where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, |
| 26 | F | Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. |
| 27 | S | He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. |
| 28 | S | We have a great High Priest ... Jesus the Son of |
| 29 | M | Touched with the feeling of our infirmities; [God. |
| 30 | Tu | In all points tempted like as we are, yet without |
| 31 | W | To do good and to communicate forget not. [sin. |

ETERNAL LIFE.

THE object of 1 John is to bring us to the *consciousness* of eternal life who believe on the name of the Son of God. (1 John v. 13.)

The Son of God in His present position is the full expression of God's pleasure for man. He is there supreme over the power of death and the grave, as having met the whole question of man's liability and judgment. We acknowledge the supremacy of the name of the Son of God; it is the supreme name in the universe; it is God's guarantee against any breakdown in the divine system; He will unfailingly carry everything through to His own glory, for all is secured in His Son.

Now it is as believing in His name that we have eternal life; we reach Him in glory outside of death and every adverse element; we come into what is eternal in character in the Son; but we enjoy it now and here. The witness is that God has secured on this earth, in the midst of the dead and dying, a company who are morally outside death; living in connection with the eternal reality of His coming by water and blood, the pledge to faith and affection of the whole system of counsel and glory. He has proved Himself supreme over the powers of sin, the world and death, and by the work of the Spirit in the sphere of eternal life, He puts us with Him in that position of superiority, but it is as having life *in the Son* and as having the Son.

All is *in Him*, not in ourselves; hence the deliverance is complete for those who believe on the name of the Son of God.

P. R. M.



NOVEMBER.

6. Last Quar., 5h. 4m. P.M. | 21. First Quar., 10h. 29m. P.M.
 14. New Moon, 6h. 29m. P.M. | 28. Full Moon, 6h. 41m. P.M.

His name was called the Word of God.

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| 1 | TH | All scripture is given by inspiration of God. |
| 2 | F | The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. |
| 3 | S | I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things right |
| 4 | S | We through... comfort of the scriptures might have |
| 5 | M | Thy word is true from the beginning. [hope. |
| 6 | TU | Shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ. |
| 7 | W | The holy scriptures, which are able to make thee |
| 8 | TH | Being born again by the word of God. [wise. |
| 9 | F | The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. |
| 10 | S | The entrance of Thy words giveth light. |
| 11 | S | The word of God is quick, and powerful, |
| 12 | M | And sharper than any two edged sword. |
| 13 | TU | Is not My word like as a fire? saith the Lord. |
| 14 | W | The worlds were framed by the word of God. |
| 15 | TH | The word ... shall judge him in the last day. |
| 16 | F | Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name. |
| 17 | S | Like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces. |
| 18 | S | The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit. |
| 19 | M | He cast out the spirits with His word. [uprightly? |
| 20 | TU | Do not My words do good to him that walketh |
| 21 | W | The word of His grace, which is able to build you up. |
| 22 | TH | Of His own will begat He us with the word. |
| 23 | F | Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season |
| 24 | S | Speak ... things which become sound doctrine. |
| 25 | S | The Word was with God, and the Word was God. |
| 26 | M | They that gladly received His word were baptised. |
| 27 | TU | Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine |
| 28 | W | Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord. [heart. |
| 29 | TH | Shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you. |
| 30 | F | Be ye holy in all manner of conversation. |

"BEHOLD THE MAN."

BEHOLD the Man, all ye who have scorned
Him;
Robed with the purple wherewith ye've adorned
Him.

Crowned, not with diadem, nay, but with briar,
Piercing His brow like a chaplet of fire.

So, ye have judged Him thus, worthy of dying;
Unto His call of love, this your replying?
High priests and elders, with men of the city,
This your response to His heavenly pity?

So look upon Him! The King in His sorrow:
Bearing the curse of your sin in its horror.
Shamed and rejected, afflicted and smitten,
Thus the Messiah dies, as it is written.

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Men saw the cross, the forsaking, the anguish,
Heard His deep cry of woe, saw His soul languish;
None knew the secret that guarded His spirit,
The glory of purpose fulfilled by His merit.

None knew the power that rested upon Him;
The fathomless joy that obedience won Him.
The worshipping love for His Father that filled
Him;
The patience of hope and of wisdom that stilled
Him.

Now all is finished, the work and the suffering;
Heaven awaits Him, the glory is hovering;
So to the Father's throne Christ is ascended,
Angels and powers around Him are bended.

DECEMBER.

6. Last Quar., 2h. 14m. P.M. | 21. First Quar., 6h. 7m. A.M.
 14. New Moon, 9h. 17m. A.M. | 28. Full Moon, 9h. 52m. A.M.

To Him give all the prophets witness.

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| 1 | S | He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted. |
| 2 | S | The Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrows. |
| 3 | M | My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee |
| 4 | TU | I have blotted out ... thy transgressions. [rest. |
| 5 | W | Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliver- |
| 6 | TH | I have loved thee with an everlasting love. [ance. |
| 7 | F | To them that have no might He increaseth strength |
| 8 | S | The Lord will give strength unto His people. |
| 9 | S | If we cry unto Thee in our affliction, Thou wilt hear. |
| 10 | M | I will command My blessing upon you. [ance. |
| 11 | TU | Thou shalt make me full of joy with Thy counten- |
| 12 | W | I will heal their backslidings, |
| 13 | TH | I will love them freely. |
| 14 | F | I will declare Thy name unto My brethren. |
| 15 | S | The meek shall eat and be satisfied : |
| 16 | S | They shall praise the Lord that seek Him. [earth. |
| 17 | M | Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the |
| 18 | TU | The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever. |
| 19 | W | With God all things are possible. |
| 20 | TH | The Lord is my light and my salvation. [be afraid. |
| 21 | F | The Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom shall I |
| 22 | S | Wait on the Lord : be of good courage. [salvation. |
| 23 | S | With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of |
| 24 | M | They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their |
| 25 | TU | Fear thou not ; for I am with thee. [strength. |
| 26 | W | Be not dismayed ; for I am thy God. [righteousness. |
| 27 | TH | Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My |
| 28 | F | He shall not fail nor be discouraged. [His feet. |
| 29 | S | He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under |
| 30 | S | In quietness and confidence shall be your strength. |
| 31 | M | O my soul ... hope thou in God. |

RENT DAYS.

“Owe no man anything.” (Rom. xiii. 8.)

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| Lady Day | - - - | Sunday, March 25th. |
| Midsummer | - - - | Sunday, June 24th. |
| Michaelmas | - - - | Saturday, September 29th. |
| Christmas | - - - | Tuesday, December 25th. |

LETTER POST.

“As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.” (Prov. xxv. 25.)

UNITED KINGDOM: 1 oz. 1d., 2 ozs. 2d., and every additional 2 ozs. or fraction of 2 ozs. $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

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France, 3 lbs. 1s. 4d. Germany, 3 lbs. 1s.
India, 3 lbs. 1s. Australia, 1 lb. 1s. Egypt, 3 lbs. 1s.

BOOK AND SAMPLE POST.

“Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.”

INLAND, FOREIGN, AND COLONIAL MAILS:
Two Ounces One Halfpenny, and a Halfpenny
for each additional Two Ounces.

THE FATHER'S RECEPTION.

IN Luke xv. the Lord takes up a case, meeting the objection of the Pharisees to His receiving publicans and sinners. He says, as it were, I will take the case of a man brought to the utmost degradation—eating husks with the swine (we must remember what swine were to the Jew), there too of his own choice. Why was the picture drawn thus? To shew that nothing could put the sinner beyond the reach of grace. Trace it as far as you please; God will act as God to the end.

When he first left the house he shewed where his heart was—alienated, revolted, gone; his back was turned upon his father and his father's house, and his face was towards the far country. He went forth to do his own will.

“And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks which the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.” There is no giving in the “far country,” not even of husks. Satan sells all, and dearly—our souls are the price. You must buy everything. The world's principle is “nothing for nothing”; everything must bring its price. Your gratifications there must be purchased at the sacrifice of reputation and soul. If you sell yourself to the devil, you will get husks: he will never give you anything. Would you find a giver, you must come to God.

“When he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before

thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son : make me as one of thy hired servants."

Well, the prodigal goes back, glad to be in the father's house, but having no true estimate of the father's heart. No more worthy to be called a son, "make me as one of thy hired servants" was still his thought. He measured the father's love in some degree by the sense of what he had done and the evil in which he had been ; he thought to get into the place of a servant. The father cannot have sons in his house as servants ; if grace brings them, the reception must be worthy of a father's love.

Grace has put all away ; therefore the whole effect of the discovery of sin, when we know forgiveness, is but to enhance the love and heighten the joy. If the Father is kissing me, the very consciousness that He is doing it while I am in rags, proves what a forgiveness it is.

But he does another thing. The servants are called now to introduce him into the house fittingly. "But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him ; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet : and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it," &c. God shews His love towards us as wretched sinners, but then clothes us with Christ. His love welcomes us while in our rags, but here the same love acts in another way. He introduces us into the house as He would have us be there, with His mind expressed about the value of a son. We read here the description of the robe, the ring, the shoes, the fatted calf, and the feast of joy that welcomes the returning prodigal. The father's mind was, that a son of his was worth it all ; and that it was worthy of him to give it. How little worthy would it have been of a father, acting in grace, to keep him as a servant in the house !

J. N. D.