

Sunday Reading.

From the American Messenger,
"GOD RULETH."

The patience and faith of God's children are tried by adversity. Many think the Lord is for them, while they succeed; but quickly judge that he has turned against them, when their plans are frustrated. They thus expect God to accept and approve their ways and doings, rather than bring them to *bit*; to make their earthly lot one of outward peace, comfort, and honor, rather than of discipline and trial. Hence they see no goodness, receive no favor, as they think, except in proportion as God speeds them in their wishes, and makes the world applaud.

If they are disturbed in their "rest," crosses afflict them, they are ready to murmur, and almost doubt God's faithfulness; and as they see their flocks increase, and evildoers triumph, they are tempted to say that God is not able to restrain them, or that he is indifferent to the wrongs and sufferings of his people. In the bitterness of their spirit, they exclaim, "Where are thy mercies to thy servants? Is there a God that judges in the earth?"

In this state of mind, we are in danger of judging the character of our principles and acts by the apparent success, or wants of it, which attends them. Especially great is this danger when any, who profess to be good, or who hold honored stations, practice an evil work, or combine against us, and seem to prosper.

But we are too hasty or unbelieving in just conclusions; you cannot discern the whole mind of God, nor understand all that is in his heart. You do not even understand perfectly your own necessities and interests. God's wisdom surpasses yours, and he would bring you to follow it; his ways are more perfect than yours, and he would bring you to adopt them.

It becomes necessary often that he should dispossess and humble you, that he may exalt and honor you in the future. Our confidence in God should not be shaken, let what may occur. He reigns supreme, as truly in the clouds and storms as in sunshine—over the conduct of the wicked, as over that of the good.

There was true pity as well as Christian philosophy in the reply of a poor woman, weeping for want of food, and near starving, and yet unable to go out and earn or buy any, "she did what she could," prayed God to send her food. Some impious wags heard her prayer, and thought to play a trick upon her; so they procured bread, and threw it down her chimney, and then watched to see the effect. She deserved it justly, as sent direct from God in answer to her prayers; and kneeling down, thanked him as the giver. But they therupon, exposing in "rare fits of her pietry," entered and told her that they, and not God, had sent her the bread. "Now, now," said she, "for the Lounger is at the door, brought me."

So it is in all life, with "evil" as well as good. God rules in all events. The trials, afflictions, and persecutions which fall out to the pious, are all from him, though the devil and evil men seem to bring them. When we would do a strange work, we employ his instruments, but reserves his own force to use.

"They are for reward, the hand is thine." Q. E.

THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST.

The happiness we derive from creatures like a hoggar garment, it is made up of pieces and patches and is worth very little, after all. But the blessings we derive from the Saviour is simple and complete—In him all felicity dwells. He is covet with every period. He is answerable to every condition. He is a physician to heal, a counselor to plan, a king to govern, a friend to sympathize, a father to provide. He is a foundation to sustain, a rock to stand on, a trumpet to herald. He is the shadow from the heat, the bread of life, the morning star, the sun of righteousness—all and all. No creature can be a substitute for him, but as we supply the place of every creature. He is in my service, and all my desire, my hope, my peace, my life, my glory, and joy.

Whom have I in heaven but thee?" and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee. My flesh and my heart fail, but thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. I cannot be exposed, I cannot be forsaken, I cannot be arraigned, with thee. The William Day.

THE DIGNITY OF THE MINISTRY.

When the celebrated George Herbert assumed a coadjutor of his resolution to enter into holy orders, he endeavored to dissuade him from it, as too mean an employment, and too much below his birth and the excellent abilities and endowments of his mind. To which Herbert replied, "It hath been formerly judged that the eminent servants of the king of Heaven should be of the noblest families on earth. And though the inquiries of the late times have made many exceptions, morally valued, and the sacred cause of present importance, yet I will labor to make honorable by consecrating all my learning and all my power abilities to advance the glory of that cause that gave them knowledge that I can never do so much for him that hath done so much for me as to make me a Christian. And I will labor to be like my Saviour, by making holiness lovely in the eyes of all men, and by following the moral and most example of my dear Jesus."

THE CONTRAST.

Find an infidel sailor, in time of peril, &c. &c. If there be a wind, save thy poor soul if I have a soul that must live here after.

How different the solemn and beautiful prayer of a poor soldier on the eve of battle, "O God! it is the hour of peril I fear; give me safe passage, do not thou, in this infinite judgment and mercy, forget me, a poor sinner, but let the penitence of my love be magnified even in thy final im-

perfection."—*American Messenger.*

The fearful, and unfeeling, and the abominable, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and adulterers, and others, shall have their part in the lake of fire, brimstone with fire and brimstone; while is the second death."—*Book of Revelation*, chapter 21, v. 8.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

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In the May number of this journal, we have insisted upon the importance of preserving the roots unbroken in all the subsequent work in the cotton. The growth of the plant in the soil in its roots, is very much like its growth above the surface under the surface to that above the surface, is a very remarkable and striking feature in the cotton plant. In the cultivation of the plant, therefore, at this season of the year—middle of June—when it has commenced fruiting, the extent of the limbs is the true guide as to the proximity of the sweep which should approach the stalk, preserving your bed firm and unbroken. On this part of the subject we have but few remarks to make.

We ask every planter and manager to bear in mind that the cotton plant is to come into bearing in the course of some twelve or fifteen days; and though it be emphatically a trap-rooted plant, with the capacity often of dipping into the earth, in one season, from four to six feet, yet it is upon its leaves and surface roots mostly that it remains for the root that assimilates its nutrition, sand and lime. With this fact distinctly fixed in your mind, and the confident assurance that your land has been thoroughly prepared in the bedding and planting, as to the mode of work and implements, with which it is to be performed, it would seem to be presumption in me to detain you in mentioning. There is no greater error than that which supposes cotton has but few surface roots. They are rapidly spreading in the bottom and new, and if you do not quickly pull away, you will indisputably injure the chances for a sorry crop. The light, fast crop is the only instrument, and it is no less than a half inch as possible, that will not injure the cotton after it has commenced bearing.

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