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extent at least, the same feelings, so deep Christian experience alone can enable man to comprehend the profound spiritual meaning of Christ's teaching. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit God; for not the things of the Spirit God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither sively to my mind that God had not

"Eh, Eh, lama sabachthani." "This language is not pure Hebrew, nor Syriac, but a mixture of both, called, This cry of commonly, Syria-Chaldaic." It is a forsaken me," was uttered just as he quotation taken from Psalm 22:1, was ruling out of life, and is an interwhere David exclaims, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" There is no evidence that David used dogmatism, and make it speak in a these words in reference to Christ, or literal sense. It is an exclamation of literal sense. as a prophecy of him. They are simp- strong custom, and not the cool stately the expression of his own experience. The Saviour used them as best adapted of all. words to express the extremity of his sorrow.

Our text is the language of deep emotion, and it should be interpreted feeling be the expression of feeling, palms of my hands." service of metaphysicl theology as a statement of dogmatic truth. This method of interpretation has made sad havoe of the language of Christ and of common sense.

dically from Christ as he withdraws sertion, inflicted on him as a satisfaction for those sins of ours which deserve that God should forsake us forever, as the damned are forsaken by scenes of the cross account for this ut-him." Was this a fact? Did God terance of anguish by the blessed Savforsake and punish his beloved Son as lour. He had been forsaken by all his the damned in hell are forsaken and friends. Even the beloved disciple punished. Flavel says, "As there lies John had abandoned him. He was in he'l, namely, pain of sense, and pain of loss. So upon Christ assuredly, there was not only an impression the most cruel manner, crowned him of wrath, but also a subtraction or with with thorns, nailed him to the cross, drawment of all sensible favor and where he was hanging by four bleedlove." Br. Barnes says, "The Father ing wounds, and they were mocking as if he was personally a sinner; as if Under this refinement of torture he of mercies had withdrawn from him, he were himself guilty or blame-wor- was ruling out of life, and as he tremthe following reasons:

was guilt found in his mouth." "In in degree, not in kind. history of our race because he desert- with his Father.

nature of things, for infinite goodness Luke 22:52-53. This was the time can be induced to give their means will number of quarterly and annual re-

them we must take to their study a in the garden three times, 'Not as I heart in full sympathy with Christ will but as thou wilt." Does not this Every word is full of meaning, and Bible class. This is the best preparation for the understanding of the Saviour's words, and especially His last utterances. declares this confidence in the strong-These are expressions of deep emo-tion, and to understand the language thou that I can not now pray to my of feeling we must experience, to some Father, and he shall presently give me

can he know them, because they are forsaken him in the sense in which spiritually discerned." I Cor. 2: 14. but that he was still evinced in the

> This cry of anguish, "Why hast thou jectional utterance of distress. We are not to force it into the service of ment of a dogmatic proposition. The taken freely, as the utterance of tragic feeling, or suffering, and not as the language of historical allegation, Zion as dearly as ever, and his mighty arm was underneath him. Thus it is with all God's children. He never forsakes them, clouds and darkness a Bible-class of colored people, in a stronger and holier man forsakes them, clouds and darkness a Bible-class of colored people, in a

When Jonathan and his armor bearer broke into the camp of the Philis- trust in the name of the Lord, and tines, the wild commotion, and panic, they raised in the army and the garri- 10. they raised in one army and the garriand havor of the language of Christ
and of common sense.

The common idea of our text among
The common as the exact language of a historical from the sinner, leaving him to feel the weight of his displeasure, which is due the sins of the world. The Rev. John Flavel says, "It was a penal degree to describe the great commotion in the Philistine ar-

scenes of the cross account for this uta twofold misery upon the damned in left alone without human sympathy. him in the most shocking manner. bles under the fearful weight of his this true? Did God forsake his Son fer and die in anguish?' This feeling thou hast given me, be with me where great subject next his heart. in this sense? Did he laeve him to of anguish was not from any super- I am; that they may behold my glory, express the anguish of his soul was glass darly; but then face to face. I. It is an impeachment of the char not his own, but David's words; and acter of God, and makes him worse than this shows that sufferings such as be this shows that sufferings such as be

This feeling of utter loneliness that ald. The value of the State denominanocence as he forsakes the guilty? came over his soul lasted only a mo-

Shall we charge God with the same cent Son? Did he go ever beyond this and inflict positive punishment upon to all, and into which I dare not enter; seeks to put that came before it.

The cry for money by the Church is all right especially when the Church to all, and into which I dare not enter; seeks to put that money to the most him? This would make him worse for it is beyond my pen. Speaking to noble use. We have watched with inthan Judas, for Judas only deserted "the chief priests, and captains of the terest the appeal of Methodism for its and betrayed him. He did not help temple, and the elders, which were million, and have rejoiced to see them is enemies kill him.

It is morally impossible, in the very your hour, and the power of darkness."

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touches the heart. the christian was so overwhelmed and and irreligious community, but they crushed by sorrow that he felt as were always at church and Sunday though he was cut off from all sympa- school, and associated only with young thy and even God had forsaken him. people who respected, if they did not This was the case with David at one profess, religion. time, and such an awful sense of his utter abandonment came over him, that son of darkness and grieving the Spircry of anguish was wrung from his it, Asa was "led to hope in the par-

to and increases the anguish of the Society," whose members agreed to christian in such an experience as this contribute fifty cents annually to the that the Saviour did not feel-the con- missionary cause. The following winsciousness of sin. This is a bitter ter Asa was permitted to lead a young drug in the cup of sorrow, and intensifies the anguish of soul. This feeling withstanding the opposition of nearly

his Father, but he was not. The Fath- his parents, but they cheerfully coiner loved him in this dark hour of an- cided with his wishes. Asa entered emotion, and it should be interpreted as such. We should let exclamation—the expression of feeling be the expression of feeling. In a may gather around their pathway, but may gather around their pathway, but private dwelling about a mile from the words.

Our lives are songs; God writes the may gather around their pathway, but private dwelling about a mile from the words.

Our lives are songs; God writes the words.

And we set them to music at pleasure; a bible-class of colored people, in a private dwelling about a mile from the words. in darkness, and hath no light; let him scholars. stay himself upon his God? Isa. 50:-

> was with him all this time, but be cause of his blindness of ignorance he d nearly thirty.
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> The next two years Asa spent at a peaceful or triumphant death as the could not see him.

in the darkest hour of life. Let the world forsake and dispuse me, let the storm sweep my pathway, God is with members. me, and I can sing:

"Yet how rich is my condition!

God and heaven are still my own." Christ emerged from the anguish of the cross and the darkness of the grave interest in Sunday school work.

feature. It is from the Christian Her-

They lived three miles away from There have been instances in which church, surrounded by an immoral

In his seventeenth year, after a sea soul, "My God, my God, why hast doning mercy of God." He was sound-thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me?" Psalm 22: 1.

There is one element that enters in ceeded in forming a "Boys' Missionary" ceeded in forming a "Boys' Missionary row poured. By and by there came can only be taken away by forgive-ness. all of the large school. In the spring of 1822, As decided to go to college, The feeling came over the soul of and, later, enter the ministry. This rethe Saviour that he was abandoned by quired great sacrifices on the part of the voice of his servant, that walketh a most beneficent influence upon his

The year after graduating (1828-29) As we choose to fashion the measure at the request of Jacob Abbott, Asa We must write the music, whatever taught a private school at Augusta, as the exact language of a historical we could see that he is always with us, a class of boys at 9 a. m.; then riding It was an old way of thinking that beautifully illustrated in the experience of Job. He felt that God had
forsaken him, and that all the events
over which he presided, and the state of providence were against him. In anguish of soul he exclaims, "Mine eyes shall no more see any good." God eyes shall no more see any good.' God his colored Bible class, which number ness at last, but it is noble to labor

> Andover Seminary. But here he could result of it. We should never loose sight of the not keep out of Sunday-school work. glorious fact that God is always with The first year he taught a class of us, for this will give strength and hope mothers at the South Church, and the in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. second year was assistent superintendent of a school of over six hundred

> > The next three years this devoted young man was the general agent of the Maine Sabbath-school Union. In this time he wonderfully stimulated

No wonder he became known as the criminal. "Father of Sunday-schools,"

What a work he did for the chil

and rank shirt ding only

nance never beams with such brightness and beauty as when it breaks forth after a deluge of sorrow. The only little daughter of a beloved friend of ours was lying at the point of death, seemingly in a quiet sleep. My friend took the physician aside and asked: "Doctor, don't you think she will soon wake up?"

"No,' replied the doctor, with a sobbing voice—'no, not till she wakes up in heaven."

"Then the great deeps of grief were broken up, and the rain-drops of sorout a bit of blue sky in this promise: 'Whom I love I chasten. 'Then peered out another bright spot: 'All things Thou art my Life; if Thou withdraw, work together for good to them that I die. love God;' and then this one: 'Those whom the Father hath given me shall be with me.' And so the skies brighted to my dear brother through histears, until his soul began to glisten like a rose bush on whose branches the rain drops turn to diamonds in the sunlight. He became a better, braver, stronger and holier man for that terri ble affliction; he has experienced a

sad. As we choose to fashion the measure

the song,

All things whatsoever ye shall ask

Lord, I cannot let Thee go, Till a blessing Thou bestow; Do not turn away Thy face, Mine's an urgent, pressing case.

Death is dreaded by all, and as rule is a dreadful experience. Even into the glorious light of heaven. He "About three hundred new schools when one dies naturally and in the he was making expiation. In some anguish, he feels as though he had exchanged the cross and the sepulcher, were established under my (his) direct most easily possible form, there is a been forsaken by the last friend of the for the crown and throne of glory at tion," and great interest in the subject terribleness about it from which a will himself experience when, for his wretched, God, and exclaimes, "My the right hand of God. Thus it shall was everywhere awakened. He now living men instinctively shrink. The will himself experience when, for his wietched, dod, and extended, the humane spirit will seek in every posons sins, he will be at least forsaken God, my God, why nast thou forsaken be with all his disciples. He prayed, began to write frequently for the humane spirit will seek in every posons of God, and abandoned to despair." Is me? Why am I left thus alone to sufdread hour for friend or foe, for saint But a larger work awaited Asa Bul or sinner. This same spirit would deal in this senser Did be later nim to state spirit would dear suffer as the "damned in hell" are left natural cause, but the most natural which thou hast given me " Here no lard—for that was this young man's also in the most merciful manner with somer as the unimed in neil are left under the weight that was bowing him cloud will ever come between the soul name, and on March 1, 1834, he be the criminal upon the scaffold. No down to earth. The words he uses to and God, "For now we see through a came secretary and general agent of matter what one's crime may have the Massachusetts Sabbath school So been nor how brutal in nature the man ciety, with which society he was privi- may appear, he who is himself human leged to labor fifty-four years. He and noble will seek to lessen the mise-Christ was perfectly pure and inno. was then bearing had been borne by cent of all sin, "He did no sin, neither others before him. The difference was manifold. The tollowing shows one this great work, and when he fell in With this end in view, New York has the harness, fifty-four years and five adopted a plan of execution by elec-weeks later, he had several months' tricity, which is considered both painnocence as he forsakes the guilty?
Can be inflict punishment upon an innocent person as he does upon the impeninent sinner? Judas is regarded as the most infamous character in the most infamous character in the midst of it he cried out, "Father, into thy hands I compeninent sinner? Judas is regarded as the most infamous character in the midst of it he cried out, "Father, into thy hands I compeninent sinner? Judas is regarded as the most infamous character in the midst of it he cried out, "Father, into thy hands I compastors said, "As soon as the Baptist was started all the ministers of the baths." A notable record for a man baths." the testimony now comes that the re- of eighty-three. Between 1831-1888 instantly to the subject. The object ed his innocent Master and betrayed. This much we can see in the sufferhim into the hands of his enemies, ings and anguish of the Saviour on on every question that came before it. 7,729 times. He was always at it. the best manner for executing the

Japan, through the education of wo dren! Hr edited "The Sabbath-school man, will rise into permanent great Visitor" for ten years, and "The Well- ness. No reform that she proposes Spring" for over forty years. And for could be made permanent and comyears "The Well-Spring" had a circu- plete without this factor. Than the iation of "over sixty thousand copies." Japanese themselves, none appear to

parties of chings, for finance goothess to the ports, circulars, letters to Sabbath- inward, mental and moral embellish- Jesus made the ten commandments to an insect called the candle-fly, is kept to forsake innocence—just as it is mor

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Which he foreskes those whom be has abandoned to despuri? Can dead the proposed of the propose

Thou art my Life; if Thou but turn away, My life's a thousand deaths. Thou art my Way; Without Thee, Lord, I travel not, but stay. My Light Thou art! without thy glo

rious sight My eyes are darkened with perpetual night. My God, Thou art my Way, my Life,

> my Light. Thon art my Way; I wander if Thou Thou art my Light: if hid, how blind am I!

> > -Francis Quarles. PRAYER FOR SATURDAY EVENING.

Chafed and worn with worldly love, sweetly, Lord, my heart prepare; Bid this inmost tempest cease: Jesus, come and whisper peace! Hush the whirlwind of my will; With thyselt my spirit fill: End in calm this busy week, Let the Sabbath gently break.

Sever, Lord, these earthly ties, Fain my soul to thee would rise; Disentangle me from time, Lift me to a purer clime: Let me cast away my load. Let me now draw near to God. Gently, loving Jesus, speak;

Fear not to faint or perish, Thou whom the Christ has blessed

He sits beside thee waiting, He watcheth all thy sorrow! The fires are not abaiting-They may endure to morrow. Yet never from thy grieving The Saviour's looks are moved, Lest thou shouldest be receiving Too strong a flame, beloved.

And while His ears enfoldeth Each hour of His designing, His face the Lord beholdeth. Within His silver shining; Then bath sweet assuring-Thy God down-hending o'er thee That thou, through such enduring Hath entered to His glory.

The trust fires shall soften Beneath that daylig it splendor. The pain that racked thee often Shall die to hushing tender; And He who all in yearning Chose once thy long, long testing, Shall stay the heart and burning, And give the weary resting.

-Erances R. Havergal.

Rich expressions of humane benevoin that it embrace the class that phil anthropists as a rule pass by.

to forsake innocence—just as it is mor ally "impossible for God to lie." His nature is such that he cannot do it, and if he did he would case to be infinitly just and good. Then again, this to forsake innocence—just as it is mor and Satan, were to do their utmost to same cause their means are intended to same cause their means are intended to same cause their means are intended to serve, in the four of the first table into th Is attributing to God what we hold up Judges to the second from heaven, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleas in the mount, and resisted the flatter."

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OUR PRINCIPLES:

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2. The name Christian, to the exclusof all party or sectarian names.

3. The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures the Old and New Testaments, a sufficient of faith and practice.

4 Christian character, or vital plety, the only test of fellowship or membership.

5. The right of private ju-the liberty of conscience, the p duty o'. all.

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A precious thing is mor to us if it has been won 1

economy.-Ruskin.

If you would not have ametions visit you twice, listen at once to what it teaches.—A. L. Knox.

In creation God shows us His hand,

but in redemption God gives us His heart .- A. Monod

Being in the way of my duty, I fear no cyil.—Heward, the Philanthrp.

Christianity is more than a mere prohibition of iniquity: it is the performance of Christ's commandments. The-experimental part of religion

has generally a greater influence than its theory.—Mrs. Rowe to Dr. Watts.

Never fear to bring the sublimest motive into the smallest duty, and the most infinite comfort to the smallest trouble.- Heber. The propennsity to evil or dishon-

orable course is much more to be deplored than the acts which come of 1t .- Leo Grindon Every person has two educationsone which he receives from others,

and one, more important, which he gives himself .- Gibbou. Keep your conduct abreast of your onscience, and very soon your conscience will be illuminated by the rad-

nance of God. - W. M. Taylor.

If I can put one touch of a rosy sunset into life of any man or women 1 shall feel that I have worked with God .- Macdonald.

Never speak well or ill of yourself. If well, men will not believe you; if ill they will believe a great deal more than you say .- Eastern Proverb. The human voice and eye give a

reality to the thought, provided the, voice and eye be real and earnest also. -C. Kingsley.

Temperance's guide and passion's bridle, the strength of the soul, and the foundation of virtue. Jeremy Taylor.

All believers receive of Christ's tulness. The greatest saints cannot live without Him; the weakest saints may live by Him .- Henry. .

We never know through what divine mysteries of compensation the great Father of the universe may be carry. ing out His subline plan; but the words, 'God is love,' ought to contain to every doubting soul the solution of all things -Mrs. Mulock Craik.

WHAT of that good old custom of family worship, the maintenance of a household altar, so common in Christian homes fifty and a hundred years ago.-R. H. Yes, we ought to revive this good old custom. Every Christian home ought to have family prayer The salutary influence on the young of the home is marked and most benefi-

The Promised Rest .- is a pass in Scotland, called Glencoe, which supplies a beautiful illustration of what heaven will be to the man who comes to Christ. The road through Glencoe carries the traveler up a long and steep ascent with many a winging and many a little turning in its course But when the top of the pass is reach,ed a stone is seep by the wayside, with these simple words engraved on it. Rest and be thankful.' Reader, these words describe the feeling with which every one who comes to Christ will at length enter heaven. The summit of the narrow way will be won. We shall cease from our wearying journey and sit down in the kingdom of God.— Rev. J. C. Ryle. Power of Little Things .- A Cunar-

der put out from England for New lence are always pleasing to the people York, It was well equipped, but in and encobling to the men wuo engage putting up a stove in the pilot-box, a in them. The year past has been pe-cultarly prolific in such benevolent of-The ship's officers deceived by that ferings in interest of the humble and distracted compass, put the ship two dependent classes. Among these, few hundred miles off her cause, and sudare nobler in purpose, if richer in denly the man on the lookout cried, measure, than that recently made 'Land, he!' and the ship was halted known by Mr. George H. Vanderbilt. within a few hundred yards of her He has purchased 1,000 acres of land demolition on Nantucket shoals. A near Ashville, N. C., on which he pro- six penny nail came near wrecking a poses to erect an industral school for great Cunarder. Small ropes hold poor white children, and libreally ene- mighty destinies. A minister, seated dow it. He intends it to be a monu in Boston at his table, lacking a word ment of honor to his family name. The put his hand before his head, and direction of his charity is most wise, tilts back his chair to think, and the ceiling falls and crushes the table, and would have crushed him. A minister in Jamaica, at night, by the light of