

"The trouble of many anxious souls is, How can I overcome my sins? This can only be by the Holy Ghost dwelling in the heart. We cannot subdue ourselves by ourselves. Religious services may soothe for a time, but they cannot subdue. Like the music of David's harp, they can calm the evil spirit for awhile, but they cannot break its power. But the first thing with you must be pardon. And if you really hate and deplore your sins, if you honestly want to be freed from the iron fetters that bind you, there is no difficulty about that. Pardon is through faith in the cleansing blood of Christ. Pardon is freely given to, and really received by, those who in their hearts believe on Christ. And when you have received this forgiveness, hold it fast. Do not let it go. Keep on looking still, looking always, looking only, to the one great sin-offering, Jesus Christ. As the work of faith continues, the pardon continues."—*Rev. J. E. Sampson.*

"Is there anything that makes glad in a world of sorrow such as ours? Yes, indeed there is. True heart gladness is provided for earth's sorrowing children. What is the spirit of true religion? What is the life God would have his children lead? Is it bondage, fear and dread? Is it gloom, sadness a troubled and disquieted spirit? Is it a needful drudgery to be endured to obtain rest hereafter? Nay, rather, is it not 'righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost?' Hath not the Master told us that 'his joy shall abide in us,' 'that our joy may be full?' Dangers and difficulties may thicken around, tears and troubles and temptations may lie in wait for us, we may be cast down for a season and be in heaviness through the manifold trials of life: but if we trust in Jesus, joy is on thee, yea, we have it now as through our tears we look up to him who is close by to cheer and uphold us."—*Day of days.*

"If it is sense of sin which does not let you be comfortable, turn at once to 'Him with whom you have to do.' Remember, it is not with Satan that you have to do, nor with your accusing conscience, but with Jesus. He will deal with all the rest; you only have to deal with Him. And He is your Great High Priest. He has made full atonement for you: for the very sins that are weighing on you now. The blood of that atonement, his own precious blood, cleanseth us from all sin. Cleanseth whom? People that have not sinned? People that don't want to be cleansed? Thank God for the word, 'cleanseth us'—us who have sinned, and who want to be cleansed. And who have to do with Him who shed it for your cleansing, who His own self bore your sins in His own body on the tree."—*Havergal.*

"Affliction is the only blessing that the Lord gives, without requiring us to ask for it, and he gives it as a special token of love. We must, therefore, receive it as promised, not as threatened; and when 'the peaceable fruits of righteousness,' which it worketh in God's time and way, begin to spring up in our hearts, may we ever be ready with our humble and grateful acknowledgments of the righteousness of the Lord's 'judgments' and the 'faithfulness' of his corrections."—*Rev. Chas. Bridges.*

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