

Profitable Meditations

Fitted to Man's Different
Condition: in a Conference
Between Christ and a Sinner.
In Nine Particulars.

By John Bunyan, servant to the Lord
Jesus.

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THE lovers of Bunyan and the Christian public are indebted to Mr. Hotten, the active, intelligent bookseller of Piccadilly, for the discovery of these interesting poems, in a small quarto volume of tracts; and for a very faithful reprint of them, at the elegant Chiswick press of Messrs. Whittingham & Wilkins.

This pious tract is written without the least attempt at display, unless it be to show the author's decided attachment to the simple but sublime truths of the gospel. It was published while he was a prisoner, for conscience sake, in a gloomy jail. The laws of his country forbade him to invite his neighbours to meet together to extol the Saviour, and to proclaim the great grace which had been bestowed upon one who was well known to have been a Jerusalem sinner. His earnest desire was to have made known to others the Saviour who had converted him from being a pest to society, and had fixed his goings in the ways of holiness and peace. He was forbidden to preach, but his sense of duty impelled him at all hazards to refuse obedience to such a restriction. The result was, as he had anticipated, that he was separated from his family and incarcerated in Bedford jail. Mr. Howard, the philanthropist, who visited this

prison, states that the daily allowance to each prisoner was water, half a quartern loaf, and coals in winter; a starving pittance to a hearty man with a wife and four young children. But was this pious man *bound* to disobey this law and thus to suffer? This is a most important and interesting inquiry. It was so with Daniel and the three Hebrew youths. They refused obedience to laws which interfered with divine worship, and it rendered them liable to the most cruel torments. But God saved and abundantly honoured them in their imminent peril. They honoured God by refusing obedience to commands which interfered with their freedom of approach to the mercy-seat; and God honoured them by overruling their punishment, to make it a splendid and lasting triumphant memorial, handing their names down to the end of time as men whom the Lord delighteth to honour.

God, who alone ruleth over spiritual worship, has drawn a clear line to distinguish fealty to the supreme and to a temporal governor. 'Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's.' Spiritual worship in all its forms belongs exclusively unto God, and to Bunyan's mind, all human punishments for the strictest obedience to the divine law were of less weight than the

bubble vanity or worldly favour, or cruel sufferings, even unto death. He met his little flock, when, as he narrates, ‘the devil, that old enemy of man’s salvation, took his opportunity to inflame the hearts of his vassals against me, and I was taken by a warrant and committed to prison.’ There he remained for more than twelve years.

His great object while a prisoner was to bring forth fruit to the glory of divine grace. To provide for his family a humble dwelling and the coarsest food, he felt to be his first duty, and it excited his utmost efforts. His first attempt was by tagging laces, made by his children, and sold by them to numerous friends who had been blessed by his ministry. This was aided by writing and publishing poems and tracts, of which these PROFITABLE MEDITATIONS were very probably the first. His religious views were rivetted in his mind by deep and hallowed experience; they changed not, but appear in these humble effusions, as in all his writings. The means used by his enemies, armed with arbitrary power, to prevent his usefulness, vastly extended it. Many who would not or could not have attended his ministry, read these noiseless messengers of glad tidings in private, the profits from the sale of which assisted to clothe and feed his family. Thus was his

invaluable life preserved to write those important legacies to the church-GRACE ABOUNDING TO THE CHIEF OF SINNERS, which he wrote to his friends, while I stick between the teeth of the lions in the wilderness,' and the PILGRIM'S PROGRESS, both of which shone forth from the prison, his den, with a radiance that at length has extended to the uttermost ends of the earth, to comfort the heaven-ward pilgrims to the Celestial City. Never was the glorious prophecy of Asaph² more manifest : 'Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee; the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.'

These homely rhymes cannot be recommended better than in the language of their author:

'Take none offence, friend, at my method
here,

'Cause thou in verses simple truth dost see,
But to them soberly incline thine ear,

And with THE TRUTH ITSELF affected be.'

Bunyan's views of that most important of all facts, SALVATION FROM SIN, were drawn undefiled from the holy oracles, without the advantages or the pollutions of human learning or educational tradition. Careless of style or

² Psalm 76:10.

rheterical effect, all his object was to draw the sinner from the downward road to perdition by solemn warnings, pointing out his danger, and directing him to the fountain of salvation, flowing all free and plenteous from the work and sufferings of the Saviour.

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TO THE READER.

Take none offence, friend, at my method
here,³

'Cause thou in verses simple truth dost see:
But to them soberly incline thine ear,
And with the truth itself affected be.

'Tis not the method, but the truth alone
Should please a saint, and mollify his heart:
Truth in or out of metre is but one;
And this thou know'st if thou a Christian
art

You also that content yourselves to see
Man's wit in verses, and no further look:
You will not by them edified be:
You see only the back side of the book.
Man's heart is apt in metre to delight,
Also in that to bear away⁴ the more:
This is the cause I here in verses write,
Therefore affect⁵ this book, and read it o'er.

³ Deu 31:19, 22, 30.

⁴ "To bear away," to remember.

⁵ "Affect," esteem, bear affection, be affected by, now

When doctors give their physic to the sick,
They make it pleasing with some other
thing:

Truth also by this means is very quick,
When men by faith it in their hearts do sing.

I am thine in Christ,

JOHN BUNYAN of Bedford.

[A Brazier, now in prison in Bedford,
1664.]⁶

I. OF MAN BY NATURE.

1. That man is blind that doth not plainly see
The woe that sin doth bring upon the soul.⁷
And yet thus blind the most of sinners be,⁸
The case is plain, their hearts for Heav'n are
cool.
2. For I see plainly, if man did but know
What wrath and vengeance hangeth o'er
his head;⁹
He then would fly from sin, his mortal
foe,¹⁰
Rather than have his part among the dead.

obsolete.

⁶ Add in MS. of that period.

⁷ Mat 11:25.

⁸ Mat 7:14.

⁹ Psa 52.

¹⁰ Psa 80.

3. But here, alas! the devil with his wit
Doth out-go sinners, to their mortal woe,¹¹
And with his snares he doth so catch their
feet,¹²
That they with joy unto his place do go.
4. 'Tis marvellous to see that man so wise¹³
And noble by creation, as is he,¹⁴
Should in this manner let sin blind his eyes,
That neither heaven nor hell he well can
see.¹⁵
5. But like one blind, or mad, or worse, he
runs¹⁶
At Satan's beck, to his perpetual shame¹⁷
Till into ruin headlong down he comes,¹⁸
Into the fearful fire and endless flame.
6. When man doth study of things here
below,¹⁹
What pretty arts will he invent in time?²⁰
He'll find out much, and do it neatly too;²¹

¹¹ Pro 5:6.

¹² 2Co 4:4.

¹³ Deu 32:6.

¹⁴ Jer 4:22.

¹⁵ Eph 4:18.

¹⁶ Jer 50:38.

¹⁷ Luk 21:35.

¹⁸ Mat 24:39.

¹⁹ Jam 3:7.

²⁰ 1Co 2:8.

²¹ 1Co 1:21.

- But yet he doth not see the gospel shine.
7. Oh! 'tis a shame for thee, who know'st so much²²
Of God, by creatures, Scriptures, mercies great;²³
To let thy conversation be such,²⁴
That God must with his stripes thee soundly beat.
8. The ox is wiser in his kind than thee,
For he doth make his master's crib his choice;²⁵
Condemned by him therefore thou may'st be,
For he, not thee, obeys his master's voice.²⁶
9. But what's the reason man should be so vain,
To disregard himself and glory so?
The reason is, he doth not feel the pain,
That for his sins he shortly must come to.²⁷
10. He doth not really believe the word
That God hath spoken against sinful men,²⁸
For if he did, 'twould pierce him like a

²² Rom 1:19-20.

²³ Joh 5:34.

²⁴ Rom 2:17-22.

²⁵ Isa 1:3.

²⁶ Jer 8:7.

²⁷ Pro 7:21-22.

²⁸ Joh 5:38, 40.

sword,²⁹

'Tis Christ in whom he would seek to stand
then.³⁰

11. Also he of his soul knows not the worth;³¹
For if be did, he would be wiser than
To sell it: but to Christ he would come
forth,³²

And close with him that proffers grace to
men.³³

12. Awake therefore, thou fool, and lay to
heart³⁴

Thy latter end, and stir thee timely too:³⁵
Get heav'n, and thou wilt play a wise man's
part,

Or else not I, but thou shalt feel the woe.

II. OF THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST. ,

13. The God of grace beholding man so vile,³⁶
To tumble in his gore and wicked vice:
Did yet vouchsafe upon poor man to smile,

²⁹ Act 3:37.

³⁰ Act 16:30-31.

³¹ Mar 8:36-37.

³² 2Co 6:17.

³³ Pro 9:1-4.

³⁴ Eph 5:14.

³⁵ Deu 32:29.

³⁶ Eze 16:6-8.

And buy him to himself with heavenly
price.³⁷

14. 'Tis wonderful to think that God on high,³⁸
Should set on man so much his heav'nly
love:³⁹

That for him he should give his Christ to
die,

To bring his soul from hell to heaven above.

15. When man had made of sin an heap so
great⁴⁰

And weighty, that it made the world to
quake:⁴¹

God did his son Christ with this burden
break,⁴²

Which made his very soul and body shake.

16. For why, the weight of sin which he did
bear,⁴³

What time he in our stead stood before
God:⁴⁴

It did his precious soul and body tear,
Because his Father scourg'd him with his
rod.

³⁷ 1Co 6:20.

³⁸ Isa 57:15.

³⁹ Psa 8:4.

⁴⁰ Gen 6:5-7.

⁴¹ 1Pe 2:24.

⁴² Mar 14:34.

⁴³ Isa 53:5,10.

⁴⁴ Isa 52:14.

17. The wicked sinn'd, the just did bear the
blame,⁴⁵
Here is the myst'ry of the gospel—love:⁴⁶
That Christ for us should bear the cursed
shame⁴⁷
And wrath (that we deserved) from above.
18. The pains he bore were more than we can
think,⁴⁸
Which by his bloody sweat and wounds we
see:⁴⁹
For he the cup of God's wrath up did
drink,⁵⁰
That he us bondslaves by it might set free.
19. It's plain enough, for though he was most
strong,⁵¹
So that he could the world make and
uphold:⁵²
Yet did our sins this blessed Christ so
wrong,
That he to death for them some time was
sold.
20. The rocks did rend, the earth did shake full

⁴⁵ 1Pe 3:18.

⁴⁶ Heb 12:3.

⁴⁷ Eph 4:8.

⁴⁸ Luk 22:44.

⁴⁹ Mat 26:42.

⁵⁰ Gal 3:13.

⁵¹ Heb 1:3.

⁵² 1Co 15:2-5.

sore,⁵³

The sun that shone was all amaz'd to see⁵⁴

The Son of God upon the cross to roar;⁵⁵

Which clearly speaks his grief full sad to be.

21. Besides, his Father from him hid his face,⁵⁶

Which most of all did wound his tender
heart,⁵⁷

Thus was our Christ in miserable case,

When he for our accursed sins did smart.

22. Sweet Jesus, though our sins to us be light,

That we can carry them with pleasure, yet⁵⁸

They made thee groan, and did thee sorely
fright,⁵⁹

Before the spear with thy heart blood was
wet.⁶⁰

23. Thy sorrows were as great, as great could
be,⁶¹

For all were set against thee for our sin:⁶²

Both heav'n and hell, death, and the devil,
he

⁵³ Mat 27:51-52

⁵⁴ Luk 23:44.

⁵⁵ Psa 22:1.

⁵⁶ Mat 27:46.

⁵⁷ Isa 53:10.

⁵⁸ Pro 10:23.

⁵⁹ Luk 23:46.

⁶⁰ Joh 19:34.

⁶¹ Isa 53:3.

⁶² Psa 22:13-17.

Left no means unassay'd thy soul to win.⁶³
 24. But here's thy love, and eke⁶⁴ our comfort
 great,⁶⁵
 Thou did'st triumphantly o'ercome them
 all:⁶⁶
 Though in thy work thou had'st a bloody
 sweat,
 Yet thereby we are kept from fatal fall.⁶⁷
 25. Now heaven and earth, yea death and hell,
 are thine,⁶⁸
 To do with them, as thou most wise seest
 best:⁶⁹
 And thou hast promis'd glory shall be
 mine,⁷⁰
 And all things here shall for thy sake be
 blest.⁷¹
 26. Why should I then fear sin, or death, or
 hell,⁷²
 Or wrath, or devil, with his fiery darts?
 Let them fear these who for sin, Christ do

⁶³ Mar 14:34.

⁶⁴ "Eke," also.

⁶⁵ 2Ti 1:10.

⁶⁶ Heb 2:14-16.

⁶⁷ Hos 13:14.

⁶⁸ 1Co 3:21-23.

⁶⁹ Ti 1:2.

⁷⁰ Luk 22:30.

⁷¹ Rom 8:28.

⁷² Rom 8:33.

sell.⁷³
And care not for his blood to cleanse their
hearts.

III. OF THE SAINTS, OR CHURCH.

27. By this means is the sinner made a saint,⁷⁴
And brought from under every curse of
God:⁷⁵
Which is the cause his sinful soul don't
faint,
Though he do feel his Father's scourging
rod.
28. Here now with joy I can behold God's
face,⁷⁶
Though I am vile, and base as base may
be:⁷⁷
I am encourag'd in the heav'nly race,⁷⁸
Because Christ died, and spilt his blood for
me.
29. If Satan speak of sin, then here's Christ's

⁷³ "To sell Christ" (see *Grace Abounding*, 133-139), to disown Christ.

⁷⁴ Rom 4:25.

⁷⁵ Rom 8:32,34.

⁷⁶ Rom 5:1.

⁷⁷ Rom 7:24.

⁷⁸ Rev 1:17-18.

- grace;⁷⁹
If death, or hell, or law doth me assail,⁸⁰
Then to my JESUS I do run apace;
For he's a Friend that never doth me fail.⁸¹
30. He is become my righteousness and life,⁸²
His blood was shed to make me white as
snow,⁸³
By this means also I am made his wife:⁸⁴
Who then dare hurt me, or become my foe?
31. And this is not against his Father's will,⁸⁵
But his consent in this doth also run;⁸⁶
Therefore of joy I now may take my fill,⁸⁷
For it hath pleas'd him that this should be
done.
32. But am not I in case most excellent,⁸⁸
Who have this blessed peace in Christ my
Lord?⁸⁹
His tender love on me is so much bent,
That he to me will heav'n and life afford.⁹⁰

⁷⁹ Rom 5:20.

⁸⁰ 1Co 15:55-56.

⁸¹ Heb 13:5.

⁸² Phi 3:7-9.

⁸³ Rev 1:5.

⁸⁴ Eph 5:26-31.

⁸⁵ Heb 10:5.

⁸⁶ Phi 4:4.

⁸⁷ Col 1:19.

⁸⁸ Num 24:5.

⁸⁹ Num 23:21-22.

⁹⁰ Joh 17:24.

33. O Lord, I never thought on this rich grace⁹¹
When I in wickedness did spend my time;⁹²
For then I was still running from thy face,⁹³
And thought not on my own good, much
less thine.
34. But now when I so little did regard,⁹⁴
To fear thy name, and ask thee for thy
love,⁹⁵
Thou might'st for sin have giv'n me that
reward,⁹⁶
As ne'er to let me come to heaven above.
35. But though so gracious thou hast been to
me,⁹⁷
It is not for my righteousness so good,⁹⁸
But for the love thy Father bears to thee,⁹⁹
That I am washed in thy precious blood.
36. I of myself am vile as other men,¹⁰⁰
Like unto them in heart, and word, and
life;¹⁰¹

⁹¹ 1Co 2:9.

⁹² Hos 11:2.

⁹³ Isa 65:1.

⁹⁴ Eph 2:1-3.

⁹⁵ 1Jo 4:10.

⁹⁶ 1Co 15:9.

⁹⁷ Deu 7:7.

⁹⁸ Deu 9:5.

⁹⁹ Rom 5:8.

¹⁰⁰ Rom 3:9.

¹⁰¹ Rom 7:18.

- It must be grace that justifies me then,¹⁰²
 And sets me blameless in thy heav'nly sight.
37. Seeing 'tis thus, Lord, let my soul enjoy¹⁰³
 Thy blessed Spirit of grace, and faith, and
 love:¹⁰⁴
 O let me not thy heav'nly ways annoy,¹⁰⁵
 But take my heart from earth to heav'n
 above.¹⁰⁶
38. Thus am I fair, though also very black;¹⁰⁷
 Fair in my Christ, though black in nature's
 deed;¹⁰⁸
 And I, though vile, no righteousness do
 lack,¹⁰⁹
 For Christ is mine, to help me at my need.
39. Now then, if Jesus Christ stands, so shall
 I;¹¹⁰
 For he is my completeness all the day:¹¹¹
 I'll look no further, here I'll live and die,¹¹²
 Come death or judgment, CHRIST will

¹⁰² Eph 2:8; 5:25-27.

¹⁰³ Psa 25:1,4.

¹⁰⁴ Psa 51:10.

¹⁰⁵ Psa 60:5.

¹⁰⁶ Luk 12:34.

¹⁰⁷ Son 1:5.

¹⁰⁸ Eze 16:14.

¹⁰⁹ Son 6:3.

¹¹⁰ Joh 14:19.

¹¹¹ Col 2:10.

¹¹² Joh 6:40.

ne'er decay.

40. Though many times I cause my Christ to
hide¹¹³

His face; yet he'll not leave me in my
doubt,¹¹⁴

But still my Help and Friend he will
abide,¹¹⁵

And when I'm lost, he'll seek and find me
out.

41. This is the state of saints, both weak and
strong;¹¹⁶

They have this help, this profit, and this
stay:

For Christ doth walk his candlesticks
among,¹¹⁷

To keep his weak ones, lest they pine away.

42. Hold up thy head, therefore, thou doubting
saint,¹¹⁸

Thy tender-hearted Christ is very sweet;¹¹⁹

His loving-kindness will not let thee
faint.¹²⁰

Look else upon his side, his hands, and feet.

¹¹³ Psa 107:17.

¹¹⁴ Psa 30:5-7.

¹¹⁵ Psa 31:22.

¹¹⁶ Zec 12:8.

¹¹⁷ Rev 1:17.

¹¹⁸ Heb 12:12.

¹¹⁹ Isa 41:10.

¹²⁰ Mic 7:8.

IV. A DISCOURSE BETWEEN SATAN AND THE TEMPTED SOUL¹²¹

43. Satan.—Thou wretch, how dar'st thou
once lift up thy head?¹²²

Look to thy life that's past, and blush for
shame:

You may presume, but yet your heart is
dead,¹²³

And may beguile yourself with Christ his
name.

44. Soul—I know I am as base as base may
be,¹²⁴

My sins are mighty, and my heart is hard;¹²⁵

But yet my Jesus saith he will save me,¹²⁶

And therefore I will not thy rage regard.

45. Sat.—God saith the wicked he will damn
for aye,^{127 128}

He is so holy, and they are so bad:¹²⁹

¹²¹ These dialogues are frequently found in the Pilgrim—
Apollyon and Christian, etc., and very strikingly in the
Jerusalem Sinner Saved, vol. 3 p. 111, vol. 1 p. 79-80.

¹²² Jer 3:3.

¹²³ Jer 6:15.

¹²⁴ 1Ti 1:15-16.

¹²⁵ Psa 107:12.

¹²⁶ Eze 36:25-26.

¹²⁷ Psa 9:17.

¹²⁸ "For aye," for ever.

¹²⁹ Hab 1:13.

- 'Tis but in vain that thou to him should'st
 pray;
 Believe me, there's no mercy to be had.
46. Soul.—The Scripture saith Christ bled for
 sinners great,¹³⁰
 To save them from their sins, the law, and
 hell,¹³¹
 His flesh and blood by faith I'll drink and
 eat,¹³²
 And trust by mercy yet I shall do well.
47. Sat.—Thou painted hypocrite, how dar'st
 thou think¹³³
 Of mercy? don't thy heart thy mouth
 condemn?¹³⁴
 Thou may'st at sin now, like a rebel,
 wink;¹³⁵
 But death is coming, what wilt thou do
 then?
48. Soul.—God knows my sins have reached
 unto the cloud.¹³⁶
 Sins of all sorts, as thou dost truly say;¹³⁷
 But since the blood of Christ doth cry so

¹³⁰ Eph 1:7.

¹³¹ Eph 2:13.

¹³² 1Jo 1:8.

¹³³ Rom 3:12.

¹³⁴ Rom 3:23.

¹³⁵ Job 8:13.

¹³⁶ Jam 2:10.

¹³⁷ Heb 12:14.

loud,¹³⁸

I fear not but they shall be done away.

49. Sat.—But where's thine evidence for heav'n? thou fool!¹³⁹

How can'st thou tell the work of grace is true?¹⁴⁰

Was't ever taught by God in Christ his school?¹⁴¹

If not, for all thy brags thy soul must rue.

50. Soul—I have been made to see my sins most vile,¹⁴²

And to abhor them also with mine heart;¹⁴³

And this frame I was in a pretty while,¹⁴⁴

And for them God bath made me soundly smart.

51. Sat.—If this be all, then hear me what I say,¹⁴⁵

Thou yet art short of feeling saving grace;¹⁴⁶

For thus were Cain and Judas in their

¹³⁸ Mic 7:18-19.

¹³⁹ Eph 1:13-14.

¹⁴⁰ Joh 6:45.

¹⁴¹ Gal 6:3.

¹⁴² Psa 38:3-4.

¹⁴³ Jer 31:9.

¹⁴⁴ Psa 38:6.

¹⁴⁵ Gen 4:13.

¹⁴⁶ Mat 27:3.

- day,¹⁴⁷
 And yet, thou know'st, were banish'd from
 his face.
52. Soul—But I have tasted of his heav'nly
 love,¹⁴⁸
 Which he hath shed abroad within my
 heart;¹⁴⁹
 And he hath said to me I am his dove,^{150 151}
 And this hath rid me of my guilt and
 smart.¹⁵²
53. Sat.—But yet you know that men may taste
 of this,¹⁵³
 So as to wonder at the blessedness;¹⁵⁴
 How know you, therefore, but yet you may
 miss,¹⁵⁵
 And undergo God's justice nevertheless?
54. Soul.—God hath confirm'd me more than
 once or twice¹⁵⁶
 By several blessed promises of his,¹⁵⁷

¹⁴⁷ Joh 17:12.

¹⁴⁸ Joh 6:51-52.

¹⁴⁹ Rom 5:5.

¹⁵⁰ "Dove," a term of tenderness, taken from Canticles
 [Song of Solomon].

¹⁵¹ Son 2:14.

¹⁵² Psa 116:7.

¹⁵³ Heb 6:4-6.

¹⁵⁴ Gal 4:15.

¹⁵⁵ Luk 13:26-27.

¹⁵⁶ 2Ti 4:17-18.

¹⁵⁷ 1Sa 17:37.

And warm'd my heart when 'twas as cold as
ice;¹⁵⁸

Therefore I hope I shall enjoy his bliss.

55. Sat.—But tell me plainly, ha'n't ye ¹⁵⁹
quench'd your light,¹⁶⁰

And knowingly sinn'd against the Lord of
hosts?¹⁶¹

If so, for all you are at such a height,¹⁶²

You may have sinn'd against the Holy
Ghost.

56. Soul—Now Satan you have touched me at
the quick,¹⁶³

For many sins I sin against my light;¹⁶⁴

But yet this don't my spirit greatly prick,¹⁶⁵

For Christ his blood is still within my
sight.¹⁶⁶

57. Sat.—Though Christ his blood was shed for
sinners great,¹⁶⁷

Yet, seeing thou has sinn'd as thou hast

¹⁵⁸ 2Pe 1:4.

¹⁵⁹ "Ha'n't ye," have ye not.

¹⁶⁰ Heb 10:26.

¹⁶¹ Heb 12:17.

¹⁶² Luk 12:47.

¹⁶³ Psa 51:4.

¹⁶⁴ Rom 7:15.

¹⁶⁵ Jon 1:2-3.

¹⁶⁶ Jon 2:4,7.

¹⁶⁷ Heb 10:26-27.

- said,¹⁶⁸
 Thou must not dare of Christ his flesh to
 eat,¹⁶⁹
 'Tis not for thee; thou well may'st be afraid.
 58. Soul.—If all that sinn'd against their light
 did sin¹⁷⁰
 Against the Holy Ghost, as thou dost say,
 What case was Peter then and David in,¹⁷¹
 For, by your saying, they were cast away?
 59. Sat.—But God chose them before the world
 began,¹⁷²
 And so thou can'st not say he hath done
 thee;¹⁷³
 And therefore it is but a folly, man,
 To strive against the stream—you're gone,
 you see.
 60. Soul.—These men committed sin as well as
 I;¹⁷⁴
 Why, therefore, should I be discourag'd so?
 I'll flee to Jesus Christ, I can but die:¹⁷⁵
 That grace that saved them will save me

¹⁶⁸ Mat 12:32.

¹⁶⁹ Heb 6:6.

¹⁷⁰ 2Sa 11:4.

¹⁷¹ Mat 26:74.

¹⁷² 2Sa 23:5.

¹⁷³ Mat 19:28.

¹⁷⁴ Luk 15:18-19.

¹⁷⁵ Job 13:15.

too.¹⁷⁶

61. Sat.—But they had heav'nly pardon from
their God,¹⁷⁷

And that, too, after they had sinn'd so
sore,¹⁷⁸

And so were saved, though they were so
bad;¹⁷⁹

But thou, poor simple wretch, art in thy
gore.

62. Soul.—I bless the name of Christ, my
dearest Lord;¹⁸⁰

For all I have thus sinned in his sight,¹⁸¹

He doth his comforts still to me afford,¹⁸²

And pardoneth my sins against my light.

64.¹⁸³ Sat.—But how can you tell that your
comfort comes¹⁸⁴

From God? for I can mock you with a
word:¹⁸⁵

And yet you shall not get so much as
crumbs

¹⁷⁶ Joh 15:16.

¹⁷⁷ 2Sa 12:13.

¹⁷⁸ 1Pe 2:24.

¹⁷⁹ Luk 22:32.

¹⁸⁰ Psa 116:1-3.

¹⁸¹ Psa 108:13.

¹⁸² Hos 14:4.

¹⁸³ 63 is omitted in the original.

¹⁸⁴ Mat 4:6.

¹⁸⁵ Gen 3:4.

From Christ, to feed you underneath his
board.

65. Soul,—Thou art indeed a cunning devil,
yet¹⁸⁶

Thou shalt not beat me from my steadfast
faith;¹⁸⁷

For Christ into his heart will let me get,¹⁸⁸

So can I tell thee what my Jesus saith.

66. Sat.—Your faith is fancy, like the spider's
web;¹⁸⁹

You cheat yourself in saying you have
grace.¹⁹⁰

Come down to hell, man, for there is your
ebb,¹⁹¹

And give way to despair,¹⁹² for there's your
case.

67. Soul.—Methinks I see my loving Jesus
smile;¹⁹³

¹⁸⁶ 2Co 2:11.

¹⁸⁷ 1Pe 5:8-9.

¹⁸⁸ Jam 4:7-8.

¹⁸⁹ Gal 6:3.

¹⁹⁰ Rev 3:1.

¹⁹¹ Rev 3:17.

¹⁹² See the dialogue between Giant Despair, Christian, and Hopeful, in *Doubting Castle*, vol. 3 p. 141, and vol. 1 p. 209. Consult the references, they exhibit the malignant ingenuity of Satan: each of these hellish darts is tipped with an appropriate portion of Holy Writ. Well may they be called fiery darts.

¹⁹³ Joh 20:27.

He shows me now his blessed hands and
feet,¹⁹⁴

And gives me comfort with his word so
mile;¹⁹⁵ ¹⁹⁶

The bitter's thine, but I must have the
Sweet.

68. Sat.—How dost thou know thou shalt hold
out to th' last?¹⁹⁷

Thine heart is weak, and that thou know'st
full well.¹⁹⁸

I'll follow thee with many [a] cursed
blast,¹⁹⁹

But I will make thee tumble down to
hell.²⁰⁰

69. Soul.—My Christ is now in heav'n at God's
right hand,²⁰¹

And maketh intercession there for me;²⁰²

So that I fear not but he'll make me
stand,²⁰³

¹⁹⁴ Luk 24:39.

¹⁹⁵ "Mile," mild; a poetic license to rhyme with "smile."

¹⁹⁶ Joh 14:26-27.

¹⁹⁷ Rev 2:11.

¹⁹⁸ Mat 24:13.

¹⁹⁹ Eze 18:24.

²⁰⁰ Rev 3:1.

²⁰¹ Psa 24:6-10.

²⁰² Psa 55:22.

²⁰³ Heb 7:25.

- For by him I shall triumph over thee.²⁰⁴
70. Besides, I find he hath engag'd my heart²⁰⁵
 Unto his fear. O blessed be his name,²⁰⁶
 He tells me also he will take my part,²⁰⁷
 Also his grace shall be to me the same.
71. Sat.—I'll follow thee with fire, and eke with
 sword,²⁰⁸
 Thou shalt have all the world against thee
 set:
 I know no favour that ilk²⁰⁹ thee afford;²¹⁰
 I'll use all means to catch thee in my net.²¹¹
72. Soul.—He that hath set his love upon me
 now,²¹²
 Will always keep me with his tender eye;²¹³
 Thou also know'st thine head hath he made
 bow.²¹⁴
 This is he in whose bosom I must lie.
73. Depart, thou cursed dragon, from mine
 heart,²¹⁵

²⁰⁴ Psa 27:14.

²⁰⁵ Jer 32:40-41.

²⁰⁶ Son 1:3-4.

²⁰⁷ Son 2:51.

²⁰⁸ Job 1:13-22.

²⁰⁹ "Ilk," from Saxon, also or likewise.

²¹⁰ 2Pe 2:8.

²¹¹ Rev 2:10.

²¹² Deu 32:10.

²¹³ Gen 3:15.

²¹⁴ Luk 16:22.

²¹⁵ Luk 4:8.

The blood and death of Christ hath broke
thy strength;
For he and I shall meet and never part,²¹⁶
When thou in hell for aye²¹⁷ must fry at
length.

V. A DISCOURSE BETWEEN CHRIST AND A SINNER.

74. Chr.—Poor sinner, hear me, I thee tidings
bring,²¹⁸
I say 'tis tidings of the greatest worth;²¹⁹
Look up, man, here's the excellentest
thing,²²⁰
E'en heav'n, if from thy sins thou wilt come
forth.²²¹
75. Sin.—Thy mercy, Lord, I do accept as
mine;²²²
Thy grace is free, and that thy word doth
say,²²³

²¹⁶ Isa 27:1.

²¹⁷ "For aye," for ever.

²¹⁸ Pro 8:1-4.

²¹⁹ Act 13:22.

²²⁰ Pro 8:11.

²²¹ Joh 12:26.

²²² Deu 29:19.

²²³ Rom 3:24.

- And I will turn to thee another time²²⁴
 Hereafter, Lord, when 'tis my dying day.
76. Chr.—My mercy's thine, if thou wilt it
 embrace,²²⁵
 It comes unto thee in my crimson wounds;
 Take heed thou do not from it turn thy
 face,²²⁶
 And so thy share be not in mercy's bounds.
77. Sin.—I fear not but thy love I shall
 obtain,²²⁷
 Though I with sin be still in hearty love:²²⁸
 I need not yet forsake my worldly gain²²⁹—
 'Tis grace, not works, that brings to heav'n
 above.²³⁰
78. Chr.—When I did hang upon the cursed
 tree,²³¹
 It was to save men from the pangs of hell,²³²
 From sin, both guilt and filth, them to set
 free,²³³

²²⁴ Luk 14:18-19.

²²⁵ Heb 11:13; Eph 1:7.

²²⁶ Act 13:40-41.

²²⁷ Rom 3:18.

²²⁸ Deu 29:19.

²²⁹ 1Ti 6:5-6.

²³⁰ Eph 2:8-9.

²³¹ Gal 3:13.

²³² Hos 13:14.

²³³ Ti 2:11-12.

- That they in life and holiness may dwell.²³⁴
79. Sin.—I have a mind to heav'n, I must
confess,²³⁵
I fear to feel the sore revenging smart;²³⁶
Yet sin give me, though heav'n I have the
less²³⁷—
- Take thou my mouth, but let sin have my
heart.²³⁸
80. Chr.—Is this thy love? am I no more to
thee?²³⁹
Doth not my bleeding wounds and mercies
sweet,²⁴⁰
My groans, my tears, which broke the heart
of me,²⁴¹
Affect thy heart? behold my hands and
feet!²⁴²
81. Sin.—Here I have ease and pleasure for the
flesh,²⁴³
Here I am sweetly comforted with joy;²⁴⁴

²³⁴ 1Pe 2:9.

²³⁵ Mat 19:22.

²³⁶ Num 23:10.

²³⁷ Job 20:12.

²³⁸ Eze 33:31.

²³⁹ Deu 32:6.

²⁴⁰ Jer 2:11-13.

²⁴¹ Heb 5:7-8.

²⁴² Luk 24:28-39.

²⁴³ Mal 3:15.

²⁴⁴ Jer 8:7.

I can run every day to sin afresh:²⁴⁵

Lord, don't; though I love sin, my soul
destroy.²⁴⁶

82. Chr.—O man without an understanding
heart,²⁴⁷

And quite forgetful of thy latter end;²⁴⁸

To slight my mercy is no wise man's
part²⁴⁹—

'Tis heav'n, not hell, at last will stand thy
friend.²⁵⁰

83. Sin.—This world is present, that world is to
come,²⁵¹

And I for my part am for present pay;²⁵²

Take thou all that, give me of this but
some;²⁵³

I will not for thy wages make delay.²⁵⁴

84. Chr.—What profit wilt thou get by doing
thus?²⁵⁵

Dost think 'twill please thee when thou

²⁴⁵ Psa 73:5.

²⁴⁶ Isa 1:15.

²⁴⁷ Rom 3:11.

²⁴⁸ Deu 32:29.

²⁴⁹ Pro 1:22.

²⁵⁰ Ecc 8:12-13.

²⁵¹ Psa 17:14.

²⁵² Psa 4:6.

²⁵³ 2Ti 4:10.

²⁵⁴ 2Ki 6:33.

²⁵⁵ Mar 8:36.

com'st to die?²⁵⁶

Poor sinner, turn, or thou for sin wilt
blush;²⁵⁷

O slight not me, but from thy evils flee.²⁵⁸

85. Sin.—If I should turn, then I should lose
my fame,²⁵⁹

My friends and all, which cuts my heart full
sore;²⁶⁰

But I by this means still keep up my
name,²⁶¹

I'll hold on therefore, trouble me no
more.²⁶²

86. Chr.—Poor soul I one thought of death and
vengeance great²⁶³

Will spoil thy name, and fame, and glory
too,²⁶⁴

When for the loss of mercy thou dost
fret;²⁶⁵

Be rul'd then, turn, and save thee from this

²⁵⁶ Hos 7:14.

²⁵⁷ Rev 3:17.

²⁵⁸ 1Jo 2:28.

²⁵⁹ 1Co 1:28.

²⁶⁰ Mat 24:9.

²⁶¹ Joh 12:42-43.

²⁶² Zec 7:12-13.

²⁶³ Eze 22:14.

²⁶⁴ Pro 13:5.

²⁶⁵ Luk 13:28.

woe.²⁶⁶

87. Sin.—I have so much employment now
that I²⁶⁷

Can't tend it yet to turn to thee for grace:
When I feel death, then to thee I will fly,
I may repent of sin in little space.²⁶⁸

88. Chr.—If now thou slight me in my love so
mile,²⁶⁹

And wilt not have me in my mercy sweet,²⁷⁰
To sin I leave thee, which will thee defile,
And will hereafter slay thee at my feet.²⁷¹

89. Sin.—My work is great, my time is short
also,

My children's portions I have still to get:
The world must be my friend, and not my
foe;

I'll come hereafter, though I cannot come
yet.

The man's a fool that makes this plea,
And yet thus foolish many be.

²⁶⁶ Eze 18:32.

²⁶⁷ Luk 14:18-19.

²⁶⁸ Heb 2:3.

²⁶⁹ 2Co 6:2.

²⁷⁰ Rom 1:28-31.

²⁷¹ Luk 19:27.

VI. BETWEEN CHRIST AND THE DOUBTING SOUL.

90. Soul.—O sad and heavy heart, and all for sin!²⁷²

Oh! blind and wretched sinner as I am!²⁷³

I grieve to think how foolish I have been,²⁷⁴

More like a rebel than a sober man.²⁷⁵

91. Chr.—Dost see thy vileness, and abhor it too!²⁷⁶

Art thou confounded when thou dost it see?²⁷⁷

Come hither, sinner, I thee good will do,²⁷⁸

I bled and died, and reviv'd for thee.²⁷⁹

92. Soul.—Ah! dearest Lord, I dare not now presume²⁸⁰

To think on mercy, 'cause I am so vile:²⁸¹

In justice now my soul thou may'st consume,²⁸²

²⁷² Act 2:37; 16:30.

²⁷³ Rom 7:24.

²⁷⁴ Pro 30:2.

²⁷⁵ Isa 30:1.

²⁷⁶ Job 42:6.

²⁷⁷ Eze 16:63.

²⁷⁸ Rev 2:17.

²⁷⁹ Rom 14:9.

²⁸⁰ Luk 18:13.

²⁸¹ Rom 3:4.

²⁸² Eze 36:26.

- My heart is stone, it will not reconcile.
93. Chr.—Poor soul, my bowels yearn, my heart doth move,²⁸³
 I can't forbear, but must embrace thee now:
 My mercy I do give to thee, my dove,²⁸⁴
 Ben't daunted, I thee pardon will allow.²⁸⁵
94. Soul.—My loving Lord, my sin it is so strong,²⁸⁶
 And mighty that it foils me, though I strive²⁸⁷
 Against it: and I fear 'twill do me wrong,²⁸⁸
 Oh! I beseech thee, let my soul revive.
95. Chr.—I love thee dearly, groaning heart, I come²⁸⁹
 With grace, and faith, and love, to lift thee out²⁹⁰
 Of sin, and death, and hell, and to my home²⁹¹
 I'll have thee. This by grace I'll bring about.²⁹²

²⁸³ Jer 31:18-21.

²⁸⁴ Isa 14:25.

²⁸⁵ Isa 46:12-13.

²⁸⁶ 2Co 12:7-8.

²⁸⁷ Rom 7:19.

²⁸⁸ Psa 119:25-28.

²⁸⁹ Isa 66:2.

²⁹⁰ Psa 116:5-6.

²⁹¹ Luk 1:74.

²⁹² 1Pe 5:10.

96. Soul.—But Lord, my strength is weak, my heart is sad,²⁹³
The devil tells me he will overthrow²⁹⁴
My soul; if so, my case would be most sad;²⁹⁵
Let me therefore thy pleasure further know.²⁹⁶
97. Chr.—Let not this daunt thee, I have mercy store²⁹⁷
I will thee hold and help, and strengthen too²⁹⁸
And that thou might'st me for my love adore,²⁹⁹
I'll bring thee safe to rest from Satan's woe.³⁰⁰
98. Soul.—Ah! dearest Lord! dost thou love me so vile,³⁰¹
Art not asham'd tow'rds me to turn thy face?³⁰²
Methinks, to me thou should'st not

²⁹³ Psa 22:6.

²⁹⁴ Psa 38:4.

²⁹⁵ 1Pe 5:8.

²⁹⁶ Psa 35:3.

²⁹⁷ Mic 7:18-19.

²⁹⁸ Isa 41:10,13.

²⁹⁹ Psa 50:15.

³⁰⁰ Joh 10:28-29.

³⁰¹ Luk 5:8.

³⁰² Mar 8:38.

reconcile³⁰³

Thyself, but quite exclude me from thy
grace.

99. Chr.—My dear, I have design'd to show my
love,³⁰⁴

And by this means to get myself a name:³⁰⁵

By making rebels to become my dove,³⁰⁶

Will make the angels to extol my fame.³⁰⁷

100. Soul.—O happy man am I, good Lord,
help me³⁰⁸

To keep alive these comforts on my
heart;³⁰⁹

Sweet JESUS help me to admire thee,³¹⁰

And set me from the world to come
apart.³¹¹

101. Chr.—Believe my word, and meditate
the same;³¹²

Look to my wounds and know assuredly,³¹³

I now in heaven make mention of thy

³⁰³ Luk 13:27-28.

³⁰⁴ Eph 2:6-7.

³⁰⁵ 1Ti 1:15-16.

³⁰⁶ Psal 68:18.

³⁰⁷ Luk 15:10.

³⁰⁸ Psal 144:15.

³⁰⁹ Psal 51:8.

³¹⁰ Psal 103:12-13.

³¹¹ Psal 4:3.

³¹² 2Ch 20:20; Luk 24:38-39.

³¹³ Heb 7:25.

name.³¹⁴

Hold fast by me, fear not, thou shalt not
die.³¹⁵

102. Soul.—O grace most mighty, and
exceeding free,³¹⁶

Must I be saved from all evil then?³¹⁷

Lord, make me live a life befitting me,³¹⁸

O Lord, for Christ his sake, say thou
Amen.³¹⁹

VII. A DISCOURSE BETWEEN DEATH AND A SINNER³²⁰

104. Sin.—I am the man that hath the world
at will,³²¹

Both house and land, and chattel, very
much.³²²

Of these things, therefore, soul, take thou
thy fill,

There was besides these sweetness never

³¹⁴ Heb 9:24.

³¹⁵ Rev 2:24-25.

³¹⁶ 1Co 2:9.

³¹⁷ Ti 3:5.

³¹⁸ Psa 56:13.

³¹⁹ Rev 22:20.

³²⁰ No. 103 omitted in the original.

³²¹ Luk 12:19.

³²² Psa 4:6.

such.

105. Besides, my wife and children, very
brave,³²³

With friends and kindred, also goodly fare:
I am the man that sweetest pleasures
have,³²⁴

I need. not therefore any further care.

106. Death.—Friend, I come for thee, with
me thou must go;³²⁵

Therefore, make haste, I for thee cannot
stay:³²⁶

The world, thy friends, no good now can
thee do,³²⁷

Come quickly therefore, with me go away.

107. Sin.—From whence came you, sir? pray,
keep fingers off,

Touch not my beauty nor my fine array:³²⁸

'Tis not the fever, nor consumption cough
That fears me, I have not liv'd half my day.

108. Death.—Thou painted brittle potsherd,
fading grass,³²⁹

I have command. to take away thy

³²³ Job 21:7-13.

³²⁴ Psa 33:6-7.

³²⁵ Luk 12:20.

³²⁶ Ecc 9:12.

³²⁷ Job 20:5.

³²⁸ Job 21:9.

³²⁹ Psa 2:9.

- breath;³³⁰
 Thou art as brittle as the Venice glass,^{331 332}
 Thy life I suddenly must turn to death,³³³
 109. Sin.—That will I try, call for the doctor,
 quick;³³⁴
 Give me my chamber, also physic, such
 As may me help, if once you find me sick,³³⁵
 Though gold and silver it doth cost me
 much.³³⁶
 110. Death.—There's none of these shall do
 thee any good,³³⁷
 For God hath blasted them, and therefore
 come:³³⁸
 Thou must be gone, the worms do lack
 their food,³³⁹
 The grave and darkness now must be thine
 home.
 111. Sin.—But pray do me that favour, as to

³³⁰ Rev 2:27.

³³¹ “Venice glass,” a beautiful thin glass, delicately marked, and very costly, the art of making which was unknown in England in Bunyan’s time.

³³² Jer 18:6.

³³³ Isa 40:6-7.

³³⁴ Job 18:10-15.

³³⁵ Zep 1:18.

³³⁶ Job 20:22-29.

³³⁷ Job 18:18-21.

³³⁸ Isa 14:22.

³³⁹ Psa 9:17.

stay³⁴⁰

But two years longer, ere you stop my
breath;³⁴¹

I'll give you gold if you'll depart away;³⁴²

The world is sweet, my heart's afraid of
death.³⁴³

112. Death.—I know not how to favour such
as thee;³⁴⁴

'Tis not thy gold I care for, come away:

Look, here's thy coffin, come along with me,

Thy glass is run, thine heart must break to-
day.

113. Sin.—Alas ! I have not made my peace
with God,

'Tis but for time to do that work I pray:³⁴⁵

O therefore spare, and do not with your rod
Strike yet, to turn my body into clay.

114. Death.—God gave thee time before, how
did'st it spend?³⁴⁶

Hast fool'd away thy life, thy soul, and all;

God saith he will thee time no longer lend,

Before I leave thee I must see thy fall.³⁴⁷

³⁴⁰ Deu 28:66.

³⁴¹ Isa 28:18-19.

³⁴² Pro 11:4.

³⁴³ Eze 7:19.

³⁴⁴ Ecc 8:8.

³⁴⁵ Num 23:10.

³⁴⁶ Pro 17:16.

³⁴⁷ Rev 2:21-22.

115. Sin.—O sick at heart! I pray, sir, hold
your hand,
You gripe so hard, my wind is almost
gone:³⁴⁸
You see my wife and children weeping
stand,
Oh! be not merciless, let me alone.³⁴⁹
116. Death.—Death is my name, Death is my
nature too,³⁵⁰
I know no pity, mercy I have none:
'Tis not thy children's tears that will me
woo,
I come to fetch thee, and thou must be
gone.
117. Sin.—Who's that behind thee, Death,
pray, what's his name?
His looks are fearful, oh! he frights me sore:
And whither will you have me, since you
came
To fetch me hence, where I shall be no
more?
118. Death.—He that doth stand behind me
is my friend,³⁵¹
Hell is his name, my brother comes to

³⁴⁸ Pro 1:26-31.

³⁴⁹ Isa 13:6-8.

³⁵⁰ Eze 7:25.

³⁵¹ Rev 6:8.

see³⁵²

Me do my work; and when that's at an end,
He'll take thee to him, till thou pay thy fee.

119. Sin.—Oh heavy heart! I see you'll kill me
quite,

Nay, worse, for now I clearly see my
doom;³⁵³

I must go where I shall see nought but
night;

Oh sad! in fire I must have my room.

120. Would God that I had left my sins betime,
And clos'd with Christ; but now my day is
done:

What will become of this poor soul of mine?
Oh death and hell, that I could from you
run!

121. My heart it fails, mine eyes have lost
their sight,

My soul sees fire, and hellish devils too:
God fights against me also with his might,
Oh miserable, sad, and dreadful woe !

122, The world, my beauty, and my pleasures
great,

Have left me quite, and help me not at all:
'Tis not mine heart or tongue that can
repeat

³⁵² Luk 12:58-59.

³⁵³ Luk 10:23-26.

The dreadful dungeon into which I fall.

VIII. A DISCOURSE BETWEEN DEATH AND A SAINT.

123. Saint.—If I might have my choice, I
would be gone³⁵⁴
To Paradise among the saints in light;³⁵⁵
With JESUS also I would be anon,³⁵⁶
For there's my proper place, and purchas'd
right.
124. Death.—Who's that, that is so willing to
go hence?
Thou fool, dost thou know what it is to die?
If I come, I shall give thee such a wrench,
Will make thee feel't to all eternity.
125. Saint.—You talk too fast, sir, pray, begin
again,³⁵⁷
Do you know Jesus, who the Saviour is?³⁵⁸
'Tis he that bare for me your fearful pain,³⁵⁹
And triumphs over you in heavenly bliss.
126. Death.—I am the king of terrors, that's

³⁵⁴ Phi 1:23.

³⁵⁵ 2Co 5:8.

³⁵⁶ Luk 2:28-29.

³⁵⁷ Rom 6:9.

³⁵⁸ Heb 7:3-4.

³⁵⁹ Hos 13:14.

my name,³⁶⁰

I throw down kingdoms, none can me
withstand:³⁶¹

Both kings and princes tremble at my
fame,³⁶²

Thou fall'st when I upon thee lay mine
hand.

127. Saint.—O Death, I say to thee, where is
thy sting?³⁶³

Stir up thy strength and now make known
thy might:³⁶⁴

My JESUS hath me underneath his wing,³⁶⁵
'Tis he that triumph'd over thee in fight.

128. Death,—I slew both Samson, Saul, and
David strong,³⁶⁶

With thousands more, that were as good as
thee:³⁶⁷

And I will quickly have thee all along,³⁶⁸

And then among the dead thou'lt be with
me.

129. Saint.—Though thou dost kill the

³⁶⁰ Job 18:14.

³⁶¹ Zep 1:14.

³⁶² Rev 6:15.

³⁶³ 1Co 15:55.

³⁶⁴ Mat 24:42.

³⁶⁵ Col 2:14-15.

³⁶⁶ Jdg 16:30.

³⁶⁷ 1Sa 31:4.

³⁶⁸ 1Ki 2:10.

wicked, yet the saint³⁶⁹

Recovers, and escapeth from thine hand:

I have no cause therefore at thee to faint,³⁷⁰

Because I shall break from thy dismal band.

130. Death.—Thou simple man, hark now
what I shall say,³⁷¹

Thou talk'st of having conquest over me,³⁷²

When I thy very Jesus Christ did slay;

Thus thou my strength may'st manifestly
see.

131. Saint.—And did'st thou hold him when
thou had'st him down?³⁷³

Or, hast him still? speak truth, and do not
lie:

Pray, who was he that rose out of the
ground,³⁷⁴

The third day after he for sin did die?³⁷⁵

132. I know, O Death, thou may'st my body
spoil,³⁷⁶

And bring it down: yet I thee do not fear:

For that shall last with thee no longer

³⁶⁹ Job 18:13.

³⁷⁰ Psa 68:20.

³⁷¹ Act 10:39.

³⁷² Rom 8:34.

³⁷³ Act 2:24-27.

³⁷⁴ Luk 34:34.

³⁷⁵ 1Co 15:3-5.

³⁷⁶ Job 19:25-27.

while,³⁷⁷
Than till my JESUS in the clouds appear.
133. And then he will, with trumpet's royal
voice,³⁷⁸
Raise up his dead, and gather them on
high;³⁷⁹
Then we shall live who have made him our
choice,³⁸⁰
When thou in fiery flames with Hell shalt
lie.

IX. OF THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

WITH—I. THE GODLY; II. THE WICKED.
ALSO, THE OBJECTIONS OF THE WICKED
ANSWERED.

I. OF THE GODLY.

134. And now because this JESUS hath
begun,³⁸¹
E'en thus to save his people from their
sin;³⁸²

³⁷⁷ 1Th 4:16.

³⁷⁸ 1Co 15:52.

³⁷⁹ 1 Cor 15:26.

³⁸⁰ Rev 22:14.

³⁸¹ Phi 1:6.

³⁸² Rom 8:20-24.

- He'll never leave their souls till HE hath
done,
Heav'n gates stand ope, and he will have
them in.³⁸³
135. And therefore he will come in glory
great,³⁸⁴
I' th' clouds³⁸⁵ with trumpets, and with
angels too,³⁸⁶
To give his saints their long-expected
meat,³⁸⁷
And help them from their long-perplexed
woe.
136. And though his coming will the world
amaze,³⁸⁸
When they shall see his glory and his
fame;³⁸⁹
Yet shall his saints with comfort on him
gaze,
And wonderfully magnify his name.³⁹⁰
137. For, come up hither will he say to them,³⁹¹
You are the souls for whom I bled and

³⁸³ Heb 9:27-28.

³⁸⁴ Mat 25:31.

³⁸⁵ In the clouds.

³⁸⁶ Jud 1:14-15.

³⁸⁷ 1Co 15:52.

³⁸⁸ Rev 6:15.

³⁸⁹ 1Th 1:8-10.

³⁹⁰ Rev 19:7.

³⁹¹ Mat 25:34.

died;³⁹²
 I bought you with my blood, though sinful
 men,³⁹³
 My angels shall you into glory guide.
 138. You have believed in my blood for life,³⁹⁴
 You are the souls for whom I pray'd to
 God,³⁹⁵
 Now you must be my well-beloved wife,³⁹⁶
 And ever freed from his revenging rod.
 139. Come, blessed souls, I have prepar'd your
 place³⁹⁷
 In glory, and among my angels high:³⁹⁸
 I thought on this when they spat on my face,
 And when to Calvary I went to die.³⁹⁹
 140. I know you have deserved none of this,⁴⁰⁰
 But rather death, if you should have your
 due,⁴⁰¹
 But I'll forgive you all that's done amiss,⁴⁰²
 Though I this kindness show but to a few.

³⁹² Mat 24:41.

³⁹³ Luk 20:25-26.

³⁹⁴ Heb 4:3.

³⁹⁵ Joh 17:9.

³⁹⁶ 2Co 11:1-2.

³⁹⁷ Joh 14:1-3.

³⁹⁸ 1Th 4:14-17.

³⁹⁹ Rev 7:15-16.

⁴⁰⁰ 2Ti 1:9.

⁴⁰¹ Act 3:19.

⁴⁰² Mat 7:14.

141. My Father loved you, and that full dear,⁴⁰³
 Before he made the world, and so did I:⁴⁰⁴
 Which is the cause that you with peace be
 here:⁴⁰⁵
 And so must be to all eternity.⁴⁰⁶
 142. It was my love to give you grace in time,⁴⁰⁷
 Not your deserts, and that full well you
 know:⁴⁰⁸
 And also I did mark you to be mine,⁴⁰⁹
 Even when you lived in the world below.⁴¹⁰
 143. Thus did I fit you then with faith and
 love,⁴¹¹
 When you among your enemies did live,⁴¹²
 And did then reckon you my dearest
 dove,⁴¹³
 And now to you myself and heav'n I give.

⁴⁰³ Eph 1:4-6.

⁴⁰⁴ Pro 8:31.

⁴⁰⁵ Luk 12:32.

⁴⁰⁶ Act 13:48.

⁴⁰⁷ Rom 11:7.

⁴⁰⁸ Rom 9:23.

⁴⁰⁹ Eph 1:13-14.

⁴¹⁰ 1Pe 1:1.

⁴¹¹ Joh 3:16.

⁴¹² 2Ti 4:8.

⁴¹³ 1Pe 2:9.

II. OF THE WICKED.

144. Arise, ye dead, my trumpet sounds
amain,⁴¹⁴

Forth of your graves you that the wicked
be:⁴¹⁵

O earth, I say, deliver up thy slain,⁴¹⁶

Both small and great, come and be judg'd
by me.⁴¹⁷

145. Behold the books wherein your names
are set⁴¹⁸

Shall open now, and in them I will see,⁴¹⁹

How often you ran into Satan's net,⁴²⁰

And so stood off from coming unto me.

146. How oft did I you call with gospel
sweet?⁴²¹

How oft did you your back upon me
turn?⁴²²

How oft did you with strong convictions
meet?⁴²³

⁴¹⁴ 1Co 15:52.

⁴¹⁵ Joh 5:28.

⁴¹⁶ Dan 12:2.

⁴¹⁷ Isa 26:21.

⁴¹⁸ Rev 20:11-12.

⁴¹⁹ Dan 7:9-10.

⁴²⁰ Rom 2:14-16.

⁴²¹ Rom 10:21.

⁴²² Pro 1:24-25.

⁴²³ Mat 23:37.

- Depart, in flaming fire you must burn.⁴²⁴
147. You did abuse my mercy and my
grace,⁴²⁵
You also hated these my lambs so dear:⁴²⁶
Therefore you shall be banish'd from my
face,⁴²⁷
'Tis justice now and judgment you must
hear.⁴²⁸
148. You loved sin, you hated godliness,⁴²⁹
You spake against my word and ways so
good;⁴³⁰
Now will I leave your souls in sad
distress,⁴³¹
Repentance now shall do your souls no
good.⁴³²
149. There's nothing to be said or done but
this:⁴³³
Hark to your doom that you for sin must
bear,⁴³⁴

⁴²⁴ Gen 6:3.

⁴²⁵ Heb 2:3.

⁴²⁶ Heb 12:25.

⁴²⁷ Mat 22:1-13.

⁴²⁸ Psa 31:13.

⁴²⁹ Psa 109:17-18.

⁴³⁰ Act 13:45.

⁴³¹ Luk 16:26.

⁴³² Luk 13:28.

⁴³³ Mat 22:11-12.

⁴³⁴ Mar 9:44-46.

I do for ever shut you out of bliss;
With devils, you, of wrath must have your
share.

150. Depart therefore ye rebels from my face,⁴³⁵
The gates of life I shut against you all;⁴³⁶
My dreadful wrath shall follow you apace:⁴³⁷
Into eternal fire now do you fall.⁴³⁸

THEIR PLEA.

151. O Lord! but we are not in all the fault,⁴³⁹
'Twas long of others that we were so vile;⁴⁴⁰
Our daubing preachers made us thus to
halt⁴⁴¹—

They are to blame, for they our souls did
spoil.⁴⁴²

152. Besides, O Lord, our company was
bad,⁴⁴³
We dwelt with them that would have none
of thee;⁴⁴⁴

⁴³⁵ Mat 25:41.

⁴³⁶ Isa 30:33.

⁴³⁷ Isa 14:9.

⁴³⁸ Rev 20:15.

⁴³⁹ Eze 33:6.

⁴⁴⁰ Jer 6:14.

⁴⁴¹ Jer 8:10-11.

⁴⁴² Mat 15:14.

⁴⁴³ 1Co 15:33.

⁴⁴⁴ Act 7:51.

They tempted us to live a life so sad,⁴⁴⁵
Which did so blind our eyes we could not
see.

153. With these the world, and also naughty
sin,⁴⁴⁶
Did fill our hearts so full of wickedness;⁴⁴⁷
O Lord, forgive us, and to mercy bring⁴⁴⁸
These souls of ours, and save us from
distress.

THE ANSWER.

154. This will not serve your turn, for mercy's
past,⁴⁴⁹
The day of grace is over long ago;⁴⁵⁰
Be silent then, by judgment you are cast,⁴⁵¹
There's nothing left but fearful wrath for
you.
155. Your sobs, your tears, and lamentable
cry,⁴⁵²
Should have been sooner, if you would have

⁴⁴⁵ Mat 23:31-33.

⁴⁴⁶ Rom 1:21-22.

⁴⁴⁷ Eph 4:18-19.

⁴⁴⁸ Act 28:27.

⁴⁴⁹ Luk 13:27.

⁴⁵⁰ Mat 7:22-23.

⁴⁵¹ Luk 13:28.

⁴⁵² Ecc 9:10.

sped;⁴⁵³

But as the tree doth fall, so it must lie,⁴⁵⁴
Your portion now must be amongst the
dead.⁴⁵⁵

156. You tell me that your guides led you
amiss⁴⁵⁶—

Who's fault was that ? not mine but your's
I tro':^{457 458}

You did not with your heart my mercy kiss,
⁴⁵⁹

And therefore to hell-fire I will you
throw.⁴⁶⁰

157. Did you with sighing heart ask me the
way⁴⁶¹

To life ? or did you truly hate your sin?⁴⁶²

Did you not of repentance make delay?⁴⁶³

Thus 'tis, therefore, hell gapes, and you
must in.⁴⁶⁴

158. You say your company did lead you

⁴⁵³ Ecc 11:3.

⁴⁵⁴ Isa 9:14.

⁴⁵⁵ Ecc 11:3.

⁴⁵⁶ Jer 5:31.

⁴⁵⁷ "I tro, or trow," I believe.

⁴⁵⁸ 2Ti 4:3-4.

⁴⁵⁹ Psa 2:12.

⁴⁶⁰ Job 2:14-15.

⁴⁶¹ Eze 9:4.

⁴⁶² Jer 10:25.

⁴⁶³ Psa 79:6.

⁴⁶⁴ Luk 14:18-20.

wrong:

Well, but I ask who bid thee with them
go?⁴⁶⁵

If wickedness then with thee was so
strong,⁴⁶⁶

'Tis fit thou now be sharer in their woe.⁴⁶⁷

159. You say the world and sin so fill'd your
heart,⁴⁶⁸

That you for them no way to heav'n did
know;⁴⁶⁹

'Tis true, and therefore go and take your
part⁴⁷⁰

With them, for I no mercy will you show.

160. Come, blessed souls, for whom I bled
and died,⁴⁷¹

Inherit you your Lord's eternal bliss.

Begone, ye wicked, from you I will hide⁴⁷²

My face; your portion therefore shall be this.

161. In fire, in darkness, and in wrath you
must⁴⁷³

Abide, while I and mine enjoy the light:

⁴⁶⁵ 2Co 6:17.

⁴⁶⁶ Pro 5:22.

⁴⁶⁷ Rev 21:8.

⁴⁶⁸ Mat 18:3.

⁴⁶⁹ 2Pe 2:12.

⁴⁷⁰ 2Pe 3:7.

⁴⁷¹ Mat 25:21-23.

⁴⁷² Rev 3:21.

⁴⁷³ Rev 14:9-11.

You get no ease, though you with pain do
burst;⁴⁷⁴
You should have clos'd with mercy while
you might.

**A DISCOURSE BETWEEN A SAINT IN
HEAVEN AND A SINNER IN HELL,
ALLUDING TO THE 16TH OF LUKE.**

162. Saint.—My Lord hath brought me into
glory sweet,
And saved me from my deserved woe,
Though he for this hung by the hands and
feet;
For this I'll bless his name and thank him
too.
163. Sin.—My case is sad; I am depriv'd of life,
Heav'n I have miss'd, and lost my soul so
dear;
My sins prick at my heart now like a knife;
I now enjoy nothing but pain and fear.
164. Saint.—What is the cause of this your
sad complaint,
Man? for I hear you make most doleful
moan;
In hell I know there's cause enough to faint,

⁴⁷⁴ Mat 25:46.

Yet further tell me wherefore thus you
groan?

165. Sin. —Alas ! I groan to think of life that's
past,

Of that also which now I do possess;
My foolishness it hath me hither cast,
And brought my soul into this sore distress.

166. Saint. —I lived in the world as well as
you,⁴⁷⁵

And served sin, until I heard the Word;
But when I saw by that for sin my woe,
I sought to Christ me mercy to afford.⁴⁷⁶

167. Sin.—Alas! I heard of Christ and mercy
much,⁴⁷⁷

The preacher told me sin would me undo;
Yet I did slight this mercy, though 'twas
such

As would have sav'd my soul and body too.

168. Saint.—When I did hear of grace it
broke my heart,⁴⁷⁸

And won me over to abhor my sin,
It also rid me of my guilt and smart;⁴⁷⁹
It said, Heav'n gates stood ope, and I must
in.

⁴⁷⁵ Col 1:4-6.

⁴⁷⁶ Ti 3:3-4.

⁴⁷⁷ Rom 10:16-20.

⁴⁷⁸ Isa 66:2.

⁴⁷⁹ Joh 14:26-27.

169. I wretch did see my state sometimes so
sad,⁴⁸⁰
That I for grief could scarce rest in my bed;
But yet my lusts such prevalency had,
That now my portion is amongst the dead.
170. Saint.—O sweet! methought the world
to come did so⁴⁸¹
Affect my soul, and make it long to be⁴⁸²
With JESUS, that I nothing else would
know,⁴⁸³
But how I might his precious beauty see.
171. Sin.—I did feel sweetness sometimes
this way too,⁴⁸⁴
Methought that heav'n was worth the
seeking for;⁴⁸⁵
But this, alas! doth aggravate my woe,
Though I this knew I did not sin abhor.
172. Saint.—Sometimes my sin, the world,
and Satan, they⁴⁸⁶
Would tempt me to let go my hold of grace;
But these my soul to CHRIST still more did

⁴⁸⁰ 2Pe 2:20-21.

⁴⁸¹ Son 2:5.

⁴⁸² 1Co 2:2.

⁴⁸³ Phi 3:7-8.

⁴⁸⁴ Heb 6:4-6.

⁴⁸⁵ Mat 19:16-22.

⁴⁸⁶ Heb 11:14-16.

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The more they tempt'd, the more I sought
his face.

173. Sin —It was not thus with me, God
wot,⁴⁸⁹ for when⁴⁹⁰

They tempted me, I yielded presently,⁴⁹¹
And left off seeking God to follow them,⁴⁹²
For following which the second death I die.

174. Saint.—O dear! methought salvation
was so rare,⁴⁹³

That neither frowns nor smiles of these
could stay

My soul; it could no longer now forbear,
But leave the world for Christ while 'twas
to-day.⁴⁹⁴

175. Sin.—Sometimes my conscience, when
in sickness I⁴⁹⁵

Did lie, would much afflict me for my sin;
But yet when health came I forgot to

⁴⁸⁷ "Fray," fright, terrify—*Imperial Dict.*; to raise apprehensions of danger—*Richardson*. Thus the world, flesh, and devil drive the frightened soul to the Saviour.

⁴⁸⁸ Psa 17:14-15.

⁴⁸⁹ "God wot," a Saxonism for God knoweth.

⁴⁹⁰ 2Ti 2:26.

⁴⁹¹ Pro 7:22.

⁴⁹² Jer 2:10-13.

⁴⁹³ Rom 8:33-38.

⁴⁹⁴ Heb 3:7-8.

⁴⁹⁵ Hos 7:14.

die⁴⁹⁶—

- I sought the world [instead of Christ] to win.
176. Saint.—When I did see the saints thrive
more than me,⁴⁹⁷
Then I was smitten for my sluggishness;⁴⁹⁸
I would not leave the Lord till I did see⁴⁹⁹
His grace to flourish in me more or less.
177. Sin.—’Twas quite contrary with me,
wretch I am,
I did not learn of them that thus did
grow,⁵⁰⁰
But rather learned of the lukewarm man⁵⁰¹
To slagar,⁵⁰² till I did myself undo.
178. Saint. —I speak not of these virtues as if
they⁵⁰³
Did flow from nature, ’twas Christ did me
keep,⁵⁰⁴
And by his grace he did my soul thus
stay:⁵⁰⁵

⁴⁹⁶ Luk 14:18-20.

⁴⁹⁷ Heb 6:12.

⁴⁹⁸ Heb 10:24.

⁴⁹⁹ Heb 6:11.

⁵⁰⁰ 1Co 15:33.

⁵⁰¹ Mat 15:14.

⁵⁰² “To slagar,” to go slower, to slacken, occasioned by the way being miry and slippery.—*Halliwell*.

⁵⁰³ Ti 3:5.

⁵⁰⁴ 2Ti 1:9.

⁵⁰⁵ Joh 15:16.

- I bless his name therefore for mercy sweet.
179. Sin.—Neither do I at all the Lord
accuse,⁵⁰⁶
As if the fault was his that I am here;⁵⁰⁷
The fault was mine, his grace I did refuse,⁵⁰⁸
I loved sin, his name I did not fear.
180. Saint.—My work then is above to sing
his praise,⁵⁰⁹
Among his angels to exalt his name ;⁵¹⁰
Because from sin and death he did me
raise⁵¹¹
By grace, and put upon me heav'nly fame.
181. Sin.—O heavy heart 1 the more I think
of life,⁵¹²
And how I lost it, doth increase my woe;⁵¹³
Time was when I enjoy'd convincing light,
But I did slight it and my soul undo.
182. Let them that yet have life and time to
see⁵¹⁴
By gospel light their sin and need of grace

⁵⁰⁶ Rev 22:12.

⁵⁰⁷ Rev 3:19.

⁵⁰⁸ Isa 5:4.

⁵⁰⁹ Rev 5:6,10.

⁵¹⁰ Rev 14:3.

⁵¹¹ Isa 26:19.

⁵¹² Isa 28:9.

⁵¹³ Isa 65:14.

⁵¹⁴ Luk 16:27-28.

Take warning by these heavy sobs of me,⁵¹⁵
And seek by Christ to shun this doleful
place.

183. For man to lose eternal life for sin⁵¹⁶—
For man to slight the grace of God so
good,⁵¹⁷
Will make him sigh and sob if he comes in
Where we do roar for slighting Christ his
blood.⁵¹⁸

184. O sad! that I had clos'd with Christ, or
would⁵¹⁹
I had not heard of him at all; then I
Had either saved been, or else I should⁵²⁰
Have had less torment to eternity.

THE CONCLUSION.

185. Whoe'er thou art that read'st this little
book,
Slight it not for its method so as to
Reject it; but into it pray thee look,
It may meet with thine heart before thou
go.

⁵¹⁵ Pro 5:11-13.

⁵¹⁶ Heb 12:25.

⁵¹⁷ Mar 9:45-46.

⁵¹⁸ Luk 13:28.

⁵¹⁹ Luk 10:12-14.

⁵²⁰ Mat 11:21-24.

186. And if it do, the mercy will be thine;
Lift up thine heart to God, [man,] for his
 grace:
The failings only I will own as mine,
The rest is God's; unto him lift thy face.

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