

forth after He did. There was a resurrection then. They were redeemed through His death, and through the atonement of His blood. But we have to answer for our own sins. Yet Jesus stands as a Mediator between us and God, pleading for us, and doing the works of a mediator; pleading His sufferings, pleading His death, to save us, and entreating in our behalf constantly. But we have to repent of our sins or be punished for them. God has revealed a law by which sins can be remitted—that is, by having faith in Jesus and by repenting of our sins. If we repent of our sins sincerely, though they be as crimson, the Prophet said to Israel, they shall be as white as wool. Upon what principle? Upon the principle of repentance. God's arms are stretched out continually toward His erring children, entreating them in tones of love, of unceasing entreaty, to repent and turn away from their sins, and get forgiveness of them, promising unto every sinner that if he does this they shall be remitted and their transgressions will be blotted out, and they will be new creatures in Christ Jesus. They will be born again, to use the words of the Son of God Himself.

There are different degrees of punishment, and there are different degrees of glory. According to the law which men obey, so will be their exaltation. The man that obeys a higher law will receive a higher exaltation. To say that we are all going to one place, that we are all going to receive the same reward and be on a dead level, is not the spirit of the Gospel; it is not the plan of salvation. Men will be rewarded according to the deeds done in the body, and as their deeds differ so will their rewards differ. Men will be condemned as they merit condemnation, and their condemnation will vary according to the variation there is in their sins. Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, explains this. He compares one glory to the glory of the sun—supernal, exceeding all glory which the human mind can conceive of. He uses the figure because it is the most glorious orb of which we have any knowledge. That is the exaltation of those who keep all the commandments of God and are faithful to Him in all things. Then there is another glory that He likens to the glory of the moon—a glory that derives its light and its glory from the sun. The Lord has revealed in our day that those who have attained unto the great exaltation that is likened unto the glory of the sun, or celestial glory, become ministers unto those who attain unto this glory, corresponding exactly with the figure of the moon, which derives its glory and its light from the sun. Then there is the glory of the stars; and as one star differeth from another star in glory, so also is the resurrection. In great plainness He thus reveals the future condition of the children of men. Two stars are scarcely alike. One star differs from another in glory, and this is a lesser glory than that of the moon. This agrees with all that has been written and with the knowledge that we ourselves have of human beings. We see a great difference among the children of men, and among ourselves.

Now, this is a little of the plan of

salvation that has been wrought out through the atonement of the Son of God, enabling all of us to have a pathway free from obstacles that are insurmountable. Some of our people imagine that when they are baptized for their friends they are all going to be saved in one glory. If this were so, why would there be what we term celestial glory? You read the revelations upon this point, and it tells us plainly that there are some, and they are counted by millions, who will not receive the Gospel of Christ neither the testimony of Jesus, and they will be consigned to the celestial glory. There are some who will come forth, who have lived without hearing the Gospel, and will attain unto celestial glory; for God will only judge by that which they have done, had they had the opportunity. There are thousands of noble spirits in the heathen world who, if they had had the opportunity, would have believed everything that came from God. But they died without the opportunity. God will not damn them because of this; for His plan of salvation is not confined to this life; it extends throughout eternity; and there are millions of people who have lived and have died in ignorance of the name of Jesus and the plan of salvation, who doubtless would have received it had they lived at a time when they could have heard it. Therefore, God will judge them by their good desires and their feelings, and that which they would have done had they had the opportunity. Consequently there will be as many differences between the spirits in the spirit world as there are differences today in spirits that are upon the earth—some who are worthy of celestial glory, some who are worthy of terrestrial glory, and some who are only worthy of telestial glory, of which the stars are a similitude. There is this difference in the human family, and this arises from the fact that we all have our agency. We all have the power given unto us to obey, or disobey, to rise or not to rise. You see this in families; you see it in brothers, born of the same parents; you see it in sisters. All these differences will always exist to a greater or less extent throughout eternity. But God has devised a plan of salvation that will bring us all to a certain amount of glory, and each one of us will receive a glory far beyond anything that we can possibly conceive of, even if we have been sinners. But it is far better to repent of our sins and have them blotted out, so that we may receive the greater glory and the greater exaltation. God bless you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The choir sang:

Look up and put your trust in God.

Benediction by Counselor Joseph E. Taylor.

The great flood at Mill River, Mass., occurred May 16, 1874.

REV. SAM SMALL resigned the presidency of the Methodist University at Ogden because some of the directors had the hardihood to question his manipulation of the funds. Mr. Small's exalted sense of honor ought to have suggested to him that a complete exoneration from all hostile innuendoes was a necessary and highly proper prelude to a resignation.

THE FOREST FIRES.

HUNTINGTON, Pa., May 12.—Over 4000 acres of valuable timber lands are aflame within a radius of seven miles of this place and in distant parts of the county wood land is being swept away to an alarming extent. The mountain fires are beyond human control and can only be extinguished by a rainfall. The farmers in the whole burning district have sustained irreparable losses to fencing and hundreds of acres of growing grain is ruined. Many farm buildings are threatened.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

BELLEfonte, Pa., May 12.—The damage done by forest fires raging throughout the county has been enormous. All along the Buffalo Run railroad the fire has burned miles and miles of fine orchards and valuable standing and cut timber. Much farm property is destroyed. The losses will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

FARM PROPERTY DESTROYED.

DULUTH, May 12.—Forest fires are raging in every direction near here, and great damage is being done. The Duluth fire department was called to Lester Park today, and had hard work to save the place from destruction. It is reported that much farm property is destroyed and more in danger.

ASSUMING FORMIDABLE SHAPE.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., May 12.—Fanned by a strong wind, the forest fires near this city are gradually encroaching upon the suburbs. Today's fires in the neighborhood of Superior assumed formidable shape and several hundred people fought the flames this afternoon. Fires are burning at many points along the Omaha road.

WRAPPED IN SMOKE.

CHEBOYGAN, Mich., May 12.—Forest fires are doing considerable damage in the interior. Much property is destroyed, including barns, fences and standing timber. Unless rain soon comes the damage will be great. The city is wrapped in dense smoke and Mackinack straits are so densely overhung with smoke as to seriously impede the progress of all boats. Several hamlets are in danger.

NOT A HAMLET LEFT.

WHITE CLOUD, Mich., May 12.—Five upper townships of this county have been a surging sea of fire ever since Sunday, and it is believed that not a single small hamlet is left. A number of freight cars and logging trains also burned.

TEN THOUSAND ACRES BURNED.

MECHANICSBURG, Pa., May 12.—Disastrous forest fires have swept over the mountain lands of this county since last Monday and are still raging. Fully ten thousand acres of valuable timber lands are burned over. The valuable mining property of Alex. Underwood, near Dillsburg, was destroyed. The losses by fires already exceed \$150,000.

LOSS OF LIFE IN MICHIGAN.

LUDDINGTON, Mich., May 12.—Some people who lived in Walkerville before the fire struck that town have arrived here in a wretched state. They say it is impossible to say how many people escaped alive, but they fear that many died in the woods, where they fled for