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"LORD, SAVE ME!"

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## PUBLISHERS' NOTE.

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This little volume needs no commendation. A careful survey of its contents will show that the author "has been with Jesus," and written with a pen radiant with the light of Heaven. The all-pervading spirituality and wholesome counsel blended through these pages causes the book to meet with very general acceptance. Once read, it is often reread and studied as a guide-book in the way of salvation.

The English original has rapidly passed through successive editions, and the work is now, through the aid of careful translations, brought out in most of the leading languages of Europe.<sup>1</sup>

So great has been the demand for this small volume that one translation of it in manuscript form exists in South America. And in one of the States west of the Mississippi a Congregationalist pastor distributed five hundred copies among the members of his congregation.

That "Steps to Christ" may continue to be to the thousands of its readers all that the name implies, is the fervent desire of

THE PUBLISHERS.

*October, 1856.*

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<sup>1</sup>This volume enjoys the reputation of being published in the English, German, French, Holland, Portuguese, Welsh, Hungarian, Bohemian, Italian, Finnish, and Spanish languages, and the work of translation into other tongues and dialects is still continued.

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## GOD'S LOVE FOR MAN.

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Nature and revelation alike testify of God's love. Our Father in heaven is the source of life, of wisdom, and of joy. Look at the wonderful and beautiful things of nature. Think of their marvelous adaptation to the needs and happiness, not only of man, but of all living creatures. The sunshine and the rain, that gladden and refresh the earth, the hills and seas and plains, all speak to us of the Creator's love. It is God who supplies the daily needs of all his creatures. In the beautiful words of the Psalmist,—

“The eyes of all wait upon Thee ;  
And Thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest Thine hand,  
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.”<sup>1</sup>

God made man perfectly holy and happy; and the fair earth, as it came from the Creator's hand, bore no blight of decay or shadow of the curse. It is transgression of God's law—the law of love—that has brought woe and death.

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 145 : 15, 16.

Yet even amid the suffering that results from sin, God's love is revealed. It is written that God cursed the ground for man's sake.<sup>1</sup> The thorn and the thistle — the difficulties and trials that make his life one of toil and care — were appointed for his good, as a part of the training needful in God's plan for his uplifting from the ruin and degradation that sin has wrought. The world, though fallen, is not all sorrow and misery. In nature itself are messages of hope and comfort. There are flowers upon the thistles, and the thorns are covered with roses.

“God is love,” is written upon every opening bud, upon every spire of spring grass. The lovely birds make the air vocal with their happy songs, the delicately tinted flowers in their perfection perfuming the air, the lofty trees of the forest with their rich foliage of living green,— all testify to the tender, fatherly care of our God, and to his desire to make his children happy.

The word of God reveals his character. He himself has declared his infinite love and pity. When Moses prayed, “Show me thy glory,” the Lord answered, “I will make all my goodness pass before thee.”<sup>2</sup> This is his glory.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 3:17

<sup>2</sup> Ex. 33:18, 19.

The Lord passed before Moses, and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin."<sup>1</sup> He "is slow to anger, and of great kindness,"<sup>2</sup> "because he delighteth in mercy."<sup>3</sup>

God has bound our hearts to him by unnumbered tokens in heaven and in earth. Through the things of nature, and the deepest and tenderest earthly ties that human hearts can know, he has sought to reveal himself to us. Yet these but imperfectly represent his love. Though all these evidences have been given, the enemy of good blinded the minds of men, so that they looked upon God with fear, they thought of him as severe and unforgiving. Satan led men to conceive of God as a being whose chief attribute is stern justice,—one who is a severe judge,—a harsh, exacting creditor. He pictured the Creator as a being who is watching with jealous eye to discern the errors and mistakes of men, that he may visit judgments upon them. It was to remove this dark shadow, by revealing to the world the infinite love of God, that Jesus came to live among men.

<sup>1</sup> Ex. 34 : 6, 7.      <sup>2</sup> Jonah 4 : 2.      <sup>3</sup> Micah 7 : 18.