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TO
"THE GLORY OF GOD"

This Little Book

IS

DEDICATED IN ALL HUMILITY,
WITH THE EARNEST PRAYER THAT HE, WHOSE NAME IS LOVE,
WILL GRACIOUSLY VOUCHSAFE TO ACCEPT THIS HUMBLE
TRIBUTE OF PRAISE AND EFFORT TO WITNESS FOR
HIM ; AND THROUGH THE MIGHTY POWER OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT USE THIS FEEBLE
INSTRUMENT TO THE SETTING
FORTH OF HIS GLORY,
AND THE
SALVATION OF SOULS, FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED ;
FOR HIS OWN NAME'S SAKE.
AMEN.

"I am . . . the Beginning . . . the Almighty."

—REV. i. 8; COL. i. 8.

"In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with GOD, and the WORD was GOD."—JOHN i. 1.

"Through HIM we both have access by one SPIRIT unto the FATHER."

—EPH. ii. 18.

"Created in CHRIST JESUS."—EPH. ii. 10.

"Born of GOD." "Born of the SPIRIT."

—JOHN i. 12, 13, iii. 8; 1 JOHN v. 1.

"Called . . . justified . . . glorified."—ROM. viii. 30.

"The glory which THOU gavest ME, I have given them."

—JOHN xvii. 22.

"Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of GOD."—1 COR. x. 31.

"Changed into the same image from glory to glory."—2 COR. iii. 18.

"When CHRIST, Who is our Life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with HIM in glory."—COL. iii. 4.

P R E F A C E.

THIS little book is sent forth with some diffidence, the writer being well aware that it is only as the teacher is indwelt and taught by the Holy Spirit, that he or she can adapt the teaching to the necessities of the class, individually or collectively. Also that there is in these days, thanks be to God, a vastly increased knowledge, resulting from prayerful study of God's Word, by which His children are given to see new beauties, new light, new depths therein; which He alone can enable them to impart to others. Still, where there is such a running "to and fro," and such a pressure of work through the week, that teachers often can snatch but hurried moments for preparation for their class, it is hoped that this effort for God's glory may be permitted to be a help to them, by the selection of subjects, together with the scriptures that teach or bear upon them.

By taking lessons from both Old and New Testaments, it is sought to show how the same Mind inspired the whole; how the Old shadows forth the New, and the New throws light upon the Old, thus seeking to increase the interest in "all Scripture."

Above all, the desire is to show how "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself," manifesting thereby His love to poor guilty sinners; holy men of old telling of this glorious truth, as "moved by the Holy Spirit," Who alone can

bring it home to the heart and soul of the hearers ; and as by the light of the Spirit we search for Jesus, the living WORD, in the pages of the written Word, can Bible study alone profit.

May God graciously enable the teacher to gather from these pages only the golden grain of His own precious Word, and therewith, through their instrumentality, save and feed the souls gathered to be taught, that both writer and teacher, as "workers together with Him," may together hereafter rejoice at the rich harvest He has vouchsafed to give.

I.

"The Beginning;" or, "God is Light."

Gen. i. ; 1 John i. 5 ; 2 Cor. iv. 6.

WONDROUS and sublime is the opening of God's book! The first clause brings before the mind marvellous truths, too deep to fathom, yet in the simplest language. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

In these days of science—so much of it being "science falsely so called" (1 Tim. vi. 20), that "knowledge" which "puffeth up" (1 Cor. viii. 1), seeking to exalt "the creature" above the "Creator" (Rom. i. 25), partaking of the "wisdom" which is "foolishness with God" (1 Cor. iii. 19), knowing not God (John xv. 21), yet seeking to explain the INFINITE by the *finite* (Rom. i. 21, 22)—it is well to come to God's Word with the teachableness of little children, and to accept what God reveals by His Holy Spirit (Isa. xlvi. 16, 17) with the trusting confidence of children in a Father.

In the Bible God tells us what He is and what man is, His dealings with man, and man's conduct towards Him. He reveals Himself "in Christ" by the Holy Spirit, Who is the Author of the written Word, and Who can therefore alone unlock its treasures, explain its mysteries, and reveal to us Jesus, Who shines in every page. May He teach each of those who open His Book or gather here to study God's precious Word, opening our understanding, and making us "wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus," who is "*the Wisdom of God*" (2 Tim. iii. 15 ; 1 Cor. i. 24, 30).

First, then, we are summoned into the presence of—

I. GOD, ELOHIM in the original, that mighty Being of Whom we could know nothing except as He deigns to make Himself known ; and in the name ELOHIM, He stands before us as (1) CREATOR, for it is specially creating power that is hereby signified.

The Psalmist gives us the interpretation, "By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made ; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. For He spake, and it was done ;