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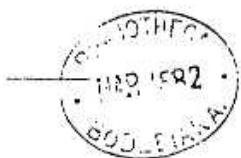
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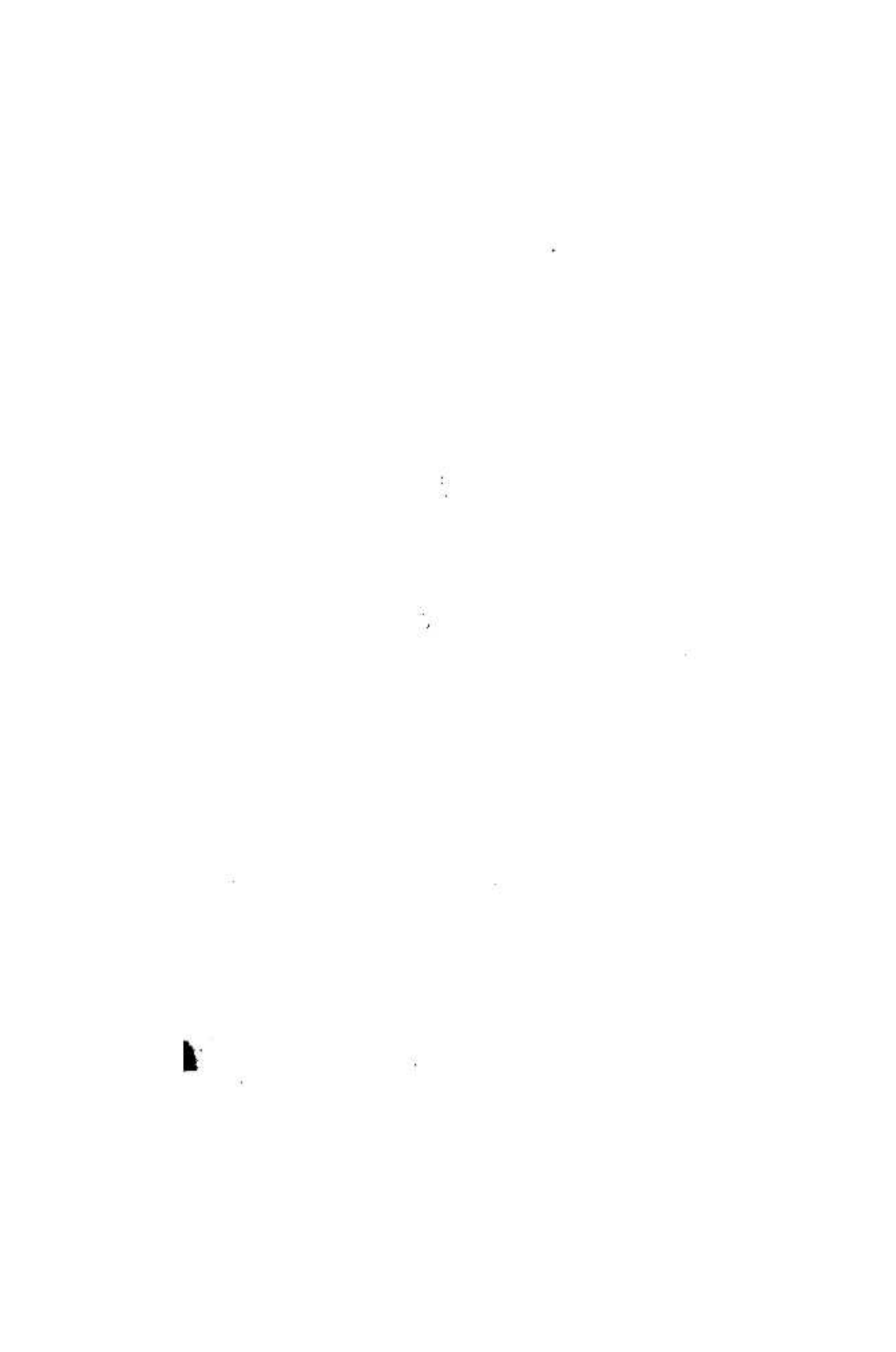
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## SEVENFOLD BLESSING.

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### INTRODUCTION.

"Faith in His blood."—*Romans* iii. 25.



**A** CIRCLE of ineffable light surrounds the presence of God. The moment man sinned he passed out of that circle. And now the all-important question arises, How is he to re-enter it? He cannot exist for eternity away from God, else he will be for ever cut off from light, and life, and joy. There is but one answer to the question: he can only reach the light through the blood of God's dear Son. This was taught by God Himself to the sinner immediately the gates of Eden were closed and guarded. We read in *Gen.* iii. 21, that "unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them." Before they could have been thus clothed blood must have been shed, and that blood was typical of the only blood that can take away sins.

The blood of bulls and goats cannot do this. Nothing but "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" can ever effect it. (Heb. x. 10.) But men have resisted this truth from the days of Cain to the present moment. The first man who was born a babe "brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to the Lord." (Gen. iv. 3.) Now this is exactly what hundreds of religious people are doing now: they are bringing of *the fruit of the ground* as an offering to the Lord. They bring their good deeds, their good resolutions, or their repentance; but all these are earthy. No fire from heaven descends in token of their acceptance; the Lord has no respect unto them. "Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof." "And the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering," and doubtless signified it by sending fire from heaven to consume it, as in the case of the burnt-offerings of Manoah and Elijah. And from the days of righteous Abel downward, poor sinners have come to God in the way of His own appointment, through the all-prevailing blood, and been accepted. First exhibited in shadow and type, then testified of by psalmist and prophet, that precious blood was, in the fulness of time, actually offered up for the sins of the world.

Now the first step towards knowing and realizing this for yourself is to become guilty before God.

Unless you know your guilt, you will find no pleasure in hearing of the blood. Most persons do not like dwelling on the subject of their spiritual state, or else, when pressed to say whether they have found peace, they make many excuses. But these excuses cannot avail before God, for *He means every mouth to be stopped.* (Rom. iii. 19.) Again, it is frequently regarded as an encouraging circumstance that the social literature of the day is flooded with articles on religious topics; but what avail these articles, sometimes flattering, sometimes ridiculing the cause and people of God? Nay, every mouth must be stopped, and all the world become guilty before God. We have to hear what God the Lord will speak. Then shall we be able to understand this 25th verse of the third chapter of the Epistle to the Romans: "Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood."

Let us notice:

I. The preparation made by God to draw attention to the coming sacrifice.

II. The full and complete virtue of that precious blood.

III. The simple condition by which the blessing can be obtained.

I. On the preparation for the sacrifice on Calvary I know no better words than those of the late Professor Simpson, in a Bible lecture he delivered