

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"MAN OVERBOARD" THE SUBJECT OF THE LATEST ONE.

Arise Call Upon Thy God, if So Be That God Will Think Upon Us That We Perish Not—Jonah 1:6—For Summer Pleasure Seekers.



OD TOLD JONAH to go to Nineveh on an unpleasant errand. He would not go. He thought to get away from his duty by putting to sea. With pack under his arm, I find him on his way to Joppa, a sea-port. He goes down among the shipping, and says to the men lying around the docks, "Which of these vessels sails today?" The sailors answer, "Yonder is a vessel going to Tarshish. I think, if you hurry, you may get on board her."

Learn that the devil takes a man's money and then sets him down in a poor landing-place. The Bible says he will find his way to Tarshish. But see him get out. The sailors bring him to the side of the ship, lift him over "the guards," and let him drop with a loud splash in the waves. He paid his fare all the way to Tarshish, but did not get the worth of his money. Neither does any one who turns his back on his duty, and does that which is not right.

Perhaps twenty years before you were born, your father made sweet acquaintance with God. There is something in the worn pages of the Bible he used to read which makes you think your father had a God. In the old religious books lying around the house, there are passages marked with a lead pencil—passages which make you think your father was not a godless man. You remember her now, as she sat in the back room dining, he was ready—all ready. But perhaps your father was a bad man—prayerless, and a blasphemer, and you never think of him now without a shudder. He worshipped the world or his own appetites. Do not then, I beg of you, call upon your father's God, but call on your mother's God. I think she was good. You remember when your father came home drunk late on a cold night, how patient your mother was. You often heard her pray. She used to sit by the hour meditating, as though she were thinking of some good, warm place, where it never gets cold, and where the bread does not fall, and staggering steps never come. You remember her now, as she sat in the cap and spectacles, reading her Bible Sunday afternoons. What good advice she used to give you! How black and terrible the hole in the ground looked to you when, with two ropes, they let her down to rest in the graveyard! Ah! I think from your looks that I am on the right track. Awake, O sleeper, and call upon thy mother's God.

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INTRODUCTORY: This section includes the history in Numbers, 21 to 26, and the whole of Deuteronomy. The events here recorded occurred in the year 1451 B. C. and near the close of the fortieth year of the exodus and a short time before the death of Moses. The Israelites were now encamped between Mount Moab and the River Jordan. The book of Deuteronomy consists chiefly of three discourses with Moses, with certain appendices.

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