



STAND
WHERE
THE
FIRE
HAS BEEN

A number of pioneers in a small wagon train were making their way westward to a place that had been opened up for homesteading. Their wagons were drawn by oxen, and progress was necessarily slow.

One day they were horrified by the sight of smoke in the west stretching for miles across the prairie. Soon it was evident that the dried grass was burning fiercely and the fire was coming toward them rapidly.

They had crossed a river the day before, but it would be impossible to go back to that before the flames were upon them. It seemed as if they were hopelessly trapped, until one man in the party gave the order to set fire to the grass behind them.

As the wind drove that fire eastward across the grass behind them, the whole company moved back upon the space that was burned over.

As the fire advanced from the west, a little girl cried out in terror, "Are you sure we will not all be burned up?"

The leader replied, "My child the flames cannot reach us here, for we are standing where the fire has already been."

This story is a picture of the great day when

the fire of God's wrath will be poured out upon men and women because of sin. The people in the wagon train were innocent victims who soon would have been engulfed in flames, but we are sinners and deserve God's wrath as punishment for our sins. For God's Word declares "Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12).

But just as these pioneers found a way out of their terrible situation by standing where the fire had already been, we too may find a way of escape if we avail ourselves of it.

Friend, our only way of escape is through Jesus Christ the Son of God. God's judgment fell upon Christ when He suffered and died on the cross of Calvary so that we who deserve judgment might be free. The Bible says, "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). It also says the "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Are you trusting in Christ upon whom the fire of God's wrath has already been



poured out? You must count on Christ's death as payment for your sins or you will have to face eternal judgment. Have you accepted Him as your personal Savior?

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16)

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