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'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer

Thought it scarcely worth his while

To waste much time on the old violin,

But he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bidden, good folk?" he cried.

"Who'll start the bidding for me?

A dollar - a dollar - then two, only two.

Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"

Going for three; but no—

From the room far back a gray-haired man

Came forward and picked up the bow,

Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,

And tightening the loosened strings,

He played a melody pure and sweet

As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,

With a voice that was quiet and low,

Said, "NOW what am I bid for the old violin?"

And he held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars - and who'll make it two?

Two thousand - and who'll make it three?

Three thousand once - three thousand twice

And going - and gone," cried he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,

"We do not understand.

What changed its worth?" - Quick came the reply,

"The touch of the Master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,

And battered and scarred with sin,

Is auctioned cheap, to a thoughtless crowd,

Much like the old violin.

A "mess of pottage" - a glass of wine,

A game - and he travels on:

He is going once - and going twice -

He's going - and almost gone!

But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd

Never can quite understand

The worth of a soul, and the change that's wrought

BY THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND.

Has His Hand Touched You?

The Master's hand is the only hand that can transform the soul. The Lord Jesus Christ is waiting and anxious to touch you with that blessed, life-giving and transforming touch that will make you a new creature in Christ Jesus . . . the touch that will turn your darkness into day, your sorrow into joy.

Hear His call: "*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow*" (Isa. 1:18).

Friend, perhaps you think this message is not meant for you since you do not consider yourself a sinner because you have always lived a good and moral life. But if you are depending on "good works" to give you an entrance into Heaven instead of depending on the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, then you are deceiving yourself. For on that "last day" you will not be measured or judged by man's standard . . . but by God's standard. The Word of God will be read on that "last day," for Jesus said: "*The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day*" (John 12:48).

Here is what is written in that book that will be opened in eternity: "There is none righteous, no, not one . . . For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God . . . By grace are ye saved through faith . . . not of works, lest any man should boast" (Rom. 3:10, 23; Eph. 2:8, 9).

There is but one way, one door through which we must enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus said: "*I am the door: by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved*" (John 10:9). You enter in by that

“door” when you accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your own Saviour. *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”* (Acts 4:12).

This is what is meant by being “born again” or “regenerated.” It is a spiritual transformation caused by “the touch of the Master’s hand” that enables one to enter into the spiritual realm.

Why hold back any longer? This whole matter may be settled now. Withdraw to some quiet place where you will not be interrupted. Yield your will to the Lord Jesus Christ, praying the prayer. “God be merciful to me a sinner.” The Lord Jesus said: *“Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.”* If God’s Holy Spirit has been speaking to your heart, and you truly look to the Lord Jesus Christ for His salvation, according to the Word of God you will be saved. For *“through this man (the Lord Jesus Christ) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: by Him all that believe are justified from all things”* (Acts 13:38, 39).

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