

## Tuesday - April 7

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I opened my Testament once again, this time to the words: “Thou art not far from the kingdom of God” (Mark 12:34)... In the afternoon I was asked to go to St. Paul’s. I listened to the words of the anthem closely;

“Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. O, let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint. If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O, Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with Thee...” The phrase, “trust in the Lord”...seized me. Trust, trust, trust; I would; I must; I could think of nothing else.

Again, wanting to retire alone that God might find me, I went very unwillingly that evening to a Society in Aldersgate Street. Someone was reading these words from Luther’s Preface to his commentary on the Epistle to the Romans: “Faith is a divine work in us, which changes us and makes us newly born of God, and kills the old Adam, makes us completely different men in heart, disposition, mind and every power, and brings the Holy Spirit with it. O faith is a lively, creative, active, powerful thing, so that it is impossible that it should not continually do good works. It does not even ask if good works are to be done, but before anyone asks, it has done them, and is always acting.”

Before I could raise my usual question (concerning this change that God works in the heart through faith in Christ) the Holy Spirit performed His miracle, and “I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine and saved me from the law of sin and death.”