



Ray Palmer

morning service came quite early one Lord's Day. To pass the time he idly paged through the hymnal. His eyes fell upon the words,

*"My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine."*

So powerfully did the words grip him that immediately he looked to the "Lamb of Calvary" and was saved. The young man called at the pastor's residence afterward to tell of his experience. To his great joy and surprise, he discovered that the pastor was the author of the hymn which was the means of his conversion.

After fifteen years as pastor in Albany, Dr. Palmer "retired" to Newark, New Jersey, where he continued to serve the Lord as a substitute pastor, editor, and translator of many hymns, particularly from Latin, among them, "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts," which was Dr. Palmer's version of "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee." It was in Newark that he went to be with the Lord on March 29, 1837.

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author was accustomed to carry in his pocket... . It is well remembered that when writing the last line, 'A ransomed soul,' the thought that the whole work of redemption and salvation was involved in those words moved the writer to a degree of emotion that brought abundant tears."

Dr. Palmer was ordained into the Congregational clergy in 1835. He served as pastor in Bath, Maine, for fifteen years and then in Albany, New York, for an equal time.

During the latter pastorate an interesting event took place. A young man who frequently attended Dr. Palmer's Sunday