

## Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: Acts: 8: 9-25

### All Sins Swept Away By Jarena Lee

The man who was to speak in the afternoon of that day was the Reverend Richard Allen (1760-1831), since bishop of the African Methodist Episcopalians in America. During the labors of this man that afternoon, I had come to the conclusion that this is the people to which my heart unites. And it so happened that, as soon as the service closed, he invited such as felt a desire to flee the wrath to come, to unite on trial with them – I embraced the opportunity.

Three weeks from that day, my soul was gloriously converted to God under preaching, at the very outset of the sermon. The text was barely pronounced, which was “You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God” (v.21), when there appeared to my view, in the center of the heart, *one* sin, and this was *malice* – against one particular individual who had striven deeply to injure me, which I resented. At this discovery I said, “Lord, I forgive every creature.”

That instant it appeared to me as if a garment, which had entirely enveloped my whole person even to my fingers’ ends, split at the crown of my head and was stripped away from me, passing like a shadow from my sight – the glory of God seemed to cover me in its stead. That moment, though hundreds were present, I did leap to my feet and declare that God, for Christ’s sake, had pardoned the sins of my soul. Great was the ecstasy of my mind, for I felt that not only the sin of malice was pardoned, but all other sins were swept away together.