

A Great Wonder

Mr. Guthrie, an eminent minister in Scotland, was one evening travelling home very late. Having lost his way on a moor, he laid the reins upon the neck of his horse, and committed himself to the direction of providence.

After long travelling over ditches and fields, the horse brought him to a farmer's house, into which he went, and requested permission to sit by the fire till morning, which was granted. A popish priest was administering extreme unction to the mistress of the house, who was dying.

Mr. Guthrie said nothing till the priest had retired. Then he went forward to the dying woman, and asked her if she enjoyed peace in the prospect of death, in consequence of what the priest had said and done for her. She answered she did not; on which he spoke to her of salvation through the atoning blood of the Redeemer. The Lord taught her to understand, and enabled her to believe the message of mercy, and she died triumphing in Jesus Christ as her Saviour. After witnessing this astonishing scene, Mr. Guthrie mounted his horse and rode home. On his arriving, he told Mrs. Guthrie he had seen a great wonder during the night. "I came," said he, to a farm house, where I found a woman in a state of nature; I saw her in a state of grace; and I left her in a state of glory."