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Till the Master comes again."

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Opening Address.

DEAR FELLOW BELIEVER, Time on its wings has carried us through another stage of life's journey, and we have again to record the unceasing mercies of our God, and His faithfulness to His people, for which our hearts must send up to Him our grateful praise.

I want for our annual meditation to remind you of His thoughts as to His claims over us as belonging to Him. In Isaiah xliii. 1, He says "THOU ART MINE." There are five links in this chain:—1st, *"Mine by redemption."* 2nd, *By separation.* 3rd, *By covenant.* 4th, *For testimony.* 5th, *For ever.* I. *By redemption.* He spake His "fear not" to Jacob and assured him of His redeeming love and personal call, saying to him, "Thou art Mine." So God would assure our hearts, as He reminds us of the ransom price He has paid for us, even "the precious blood of Christ," His own priceless Lamb, without blemish and without spot; and on the ground of which He claims us as *His own possession*, and seals us as His by His indwelling Spirit.

II. *By separation.* In Lev. xx. 26, He says, "I have severed you from other people that ye should be MINE." What was His purpose for Israel is even more real as to His people now. We are delivered from judgment and separated from the world that lieth in the Wicked One—to be His in spirit, soul and body—to be holy as He is—to be light amid the darkness, and

as salt amid the corruption around us on every hand.

III. *By Covenant*, Ezek. xvi. 8. God has in Christ brought us into covenant relationship to Himself, with all the unsearchable riches contained therein. This covenant is immutable and everlasting, and rests on the finished work of His Son, and His own faithful Word—and He is ever mindful of it—He cannot forget His own people for His great Name's sake; all their needs are provided for by Him, and in all their trials and vicissitudes He remains the Same yesterday and to-day and for ever.

IV. *For testimony*. In Isa. xliii. 21, He says, He has formed us for Himself to show forth His praise. Our witness should ever be true for Him, and His praise should ever be in our mouth. We are left here as His representatives to show forth His long-suffering and compassion, His matchless grace to all, His unchanging love, His sustaining care, and His keeping power right on to the end; in short, to magnify and glorify His name while we are here below.

V. *For ever*, Mal. iii. 17, "They shall be Mine. . . . when I make up My jewels." In that day of glory when Christ comes to gather His saints into His presence He will then own His people as His own blood-bought Bride, to be identified as His in the presence of God, and before all assembled intelligences. HIS FOR EVER as the fruit of His redeeming love and abounding grace. Let us then afresh cherish as our portion for the coming year His "Fear not, thou art Mine." J. E. H.

JANUARY—31 Days.

2nd. First Quar. 2h 52m p.m. 10th. Full Moon 4h 37m p.m.	17th. Last Quar. 8h 49m p.m. 24th. New Moon 5h 9m p.m.
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CHRIST HAS APPEARED TO PUT AWAY SIN.

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| 1 | M | He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. |
| 2 | Tu | His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree. |
| 3 | W | He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin. |
| 4 | Th | Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law. |
| 5 | F | God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. |
| 6 | S | Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. i. 15. |
| 7 | S | Christ once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust. 1 Pet. iii. 18 |
| 8 | M | Redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. |
| 9 | Tu | God sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. |
| 10 | W | Redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. 1 Pet. i. 19. |
| 11 | Th | God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you. Eph. iv. 32. |
| 12 | F | The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. |
| 13 | S | He was wounded for our transgressions. Isa. 53. 5. |
| 14 | S | We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son. Rom. v. 10. |
| 15 | M | In due time Christ died for the ungodly. Rom. 5. 6. |
| 16 | Tu | Justified by His blood we shall be saved from wrath. |
| 17 | W | The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. |
| 18 | Th | He is the propitiation for our sins. 1 John i. 2. |
| 19 | F | Having made peace by the blood of His cross. Col. i. 20. |
| 20 | S | The Son of man came to give His life a ransom for many. |
| 21 | S | By whom we have now received the atonement. Rom. 5. 11. |
| 22 | M | By Him all that believe are justified from all things. |
| 23 | Tu | Thou hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood. Rev. 5. 9. |
| 24 | W | The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. |
| 25 | Th | Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many. |
| 26 | F | Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. |
| 27 | S | The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. |
| 28 | S | Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. 1 Cor. 5. 7. |
| 29 | M | Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us. Tit. 2. 14. |
| 30 | Tu | For the transgression of My people was He stricken. |
| 31 | W | Having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. 9. 12. |

How to Meet the New Year.



HOW shall I meet the New Year? With a smile,
And merry greetings, wishes bright and fair?
Alas! it may be that a little while
Will overcloud its radiant face with care.

How shall I meet the New Year? With a sigh
For the dear memories of bygone years?
Nay, while I gaze, the dawn creeps up the sky,
Lighting the clouds, though earth is wet with tears.

Thus will I meet the New Year—with a prayer,
To Him who holds each hour in His control,
Who giveth joy and sorrow, here and there,
Yet always leadeth onward to the goal.

Thus will I meet the New Year—with calm faith,
With chastened hope, and God-confiding love,
Knowing, that for His child, in life, in death,
His hand bestows new blessings from above.

Thus will I meet the New Year—with a song
Of praise to Him, who hath all needs supplied,
Who step by step will lead me safe along,
My ever-present Saviour, Friend and Guide.

Thus will I meet the New Year—in the light
Of God's eternal life, that nought can dim;
In His eternal strength, with joy most bright,
Since all my homeward way is planned by Him.

J. H. S.

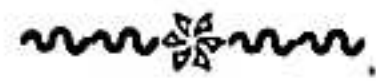
FEBRUARY—28 Days.

1st. First Quar. 0h 31m p.m.	16th. Last Quar. 4h 23m a.m.
9th. Full Moon 7h 46m a.m.	23rd. New Moon 7h 57m a.m.

CHRIST NOW APPEARS IN HEAVEN FOR US.

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| 1 | Th | Now to appear before the face of God for us. Heb. 9. 24. |
| 2 | F | A great High Priest that is passed into the heavens [R.V.] |
| 3 | S | All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. |
| 4 | S | He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7. 25. |
| 5 | M | Thou art a Priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedec. |
| 6 | Th | He entered once for all into the holy place. Heb. 9. 12. (R.V.) |
| 7 | W | I ascend unto My Father and your Father. John 20. 17. |
| 8 | Th | Who is gone into heaven and is on the right hand of God. |
| 9 | F | I am He that liveth and was dead. Rev. 1. 18. [God. |
| 10 | S | When he had purged our sins sat down on the right hand of |
| 11 | S | I pray for them which Thou hast given Me. John 17. 9. |
| 12 | M | We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ. |
| 13 | Th | The Son of God abideth a priest continually. Heb. 7. 3. |
| 14 | W | He is able to succour them that are tempted. Heb. 2. 18. |
| 15 | Th | He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of |
| 16 | F | Behold I am alive for evermore. Rev. 1. 18. [God. |
| 17 | S | The forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus. Heb. 6. 20. |
| 18 | S | The Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Acts 7. 56. |
| 19 | M | Upon the likeness of the throne . . . a man above upon it. |
| 20 | Th | He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. |
| 21 | W | Because I live, ye shall live also. John 14. 19. |
| 22 | Th | Having an High Priest over the house of God let us draw near |
| 23 | F | He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. Luke |
| 24 | S | A merciful and faithful High Priest. Heb. 2. 17. [24. 51. |
| 25 | S | Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come. |
| 26 | M | Looking unto Jesus . . at the right hand of the throne of God. |
| 27 | Th | Such a High Priest became us, who is holy, harmless. |
| 28 | W | We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand
of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens. Heb. 8. 1. |

“Lo, I am with you all the days.”



TAKE Thy promise, Lord, in all its length,
And breadth, and fulness, as my daily strength,
Into life's future fearless I may gaze,
For Jesus, Thou art with me “All the days.”

Days may be coming fraught with loss and change,
New scenes surround my life, and faces strange,
I thank Thee that no day can ever break,
Saviour, when Thou wilt leave me or forsake.

There may be days of darkness and distress,
When sin has power to tempt, and care to press —
Yet in the darkest day I will not fear,
For 'mid the shadows, Thou wilt still be near.

Days there may be of joy, and deep delight,
When earth seems fairest and her skies most bright ;
Then draw me closer to Thee, lest I rest
Elsewhere, my Saviour, than upon Thy breast.

And all the other days that make my life,
Marked by no special joy, or grief, or strife,
Days filled with quiet duties, trivial care,
Burdens too small for other hearts to share ;

Spend Thou these days with me, all shall be Thine—
So shall the darkest hour with glory shine.
Then, when these earthly years have passed away,
Let me be with Thee in the perfect day.

By Permission.

H. L. R. DECK.

MARCH—31 Days.

3rd. First Quar. 9h 28m a.m.
10th. Full Moon 8h 17m p.m.

17th. Last Quar. 11h 57m a.m.
24th. New Moon. 11h 52m p.m.

CHRIST SHALL APPEAR FOR OUR GLORY.

1	Th	Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second
2	F	We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. 3. [time
3	S	I will come again and receive you unto Myself. Jno. 14. 3.
4	S	When He shall appear we shall be like Him. 1 John 3. 2.
5	M	The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven. 1 Thes. 4. 16.
6	Tu	He shall come to be glorified in His saints. 2 Thes. 1. 10.
7	W	I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice. Jno. 16. 22.
8	Th	Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1. 7
9	F	The Lord my God shall come down and all the saints.
10	S	This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner. Acts 1
11	S	A little while and He that shall come will come. Heb. 10. 37.
12	M	The coming of the Lord draweth nigh. James 5. 8.
13	Tu	The Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints.
14	W	Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty. Isa. 33. 17.
15	Th	Looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory. R.v.
16	F	Lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.
17	S	Then shall ye also with Him be manifested in glory. (R.v.)
18	S	The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them. Jno. 17. 22.
19	M	Unto you . . . shall the Sun of righteousness arise. Mal. 4. 2.
20	Tu	The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father.
21	W	Ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.
22	Th	Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me.
23	F	The Bridegroom cometh ; go ye out to meet Him. Matt. 25. 6
24	S	Our God shall come and shall not keep silence. Ps. 50. 3.
25	S	He cometh with clouds. and every eye shall see Him.
26	M	They shall see the Son of man coming . . . with great glory.
27	Tu	His going forth is sure as the morning. Hosea 6. 3. (R.v.)
28	W	Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day.
29	Th	Called into His kingdom and glory. 1 Thess. 2. 12.
30	F	We shall see Him even as He is. 1 John 3. 3. (R.v.)
31	S	Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus

The Believer is, in Christ,

IN the bond of an everlasting covenant.—
Isa. lv. 3.

The object of unchanging love.—
Jer. xxxi. 3.

Recipient of abundant grace.—*1 Tim. i. 14.*

Redeemed by precious blood.—*1 Pet. i. 19.*

Forgiven fully and completely.—*Psa. lxxxv. 2.*

Partaker of Divine relationship.—*Gal. iv. 6.*

Possessor of unsearchable riches.—*Eph. iii. 8.*

Sustained by unfailing sympathy.—*Heb. iv. 15.*

Guarded by Almighty power.—*1 Peter i. 5.*

Guided by unerring wisdom. *Psalm lxxviii. 72.*

Has even now joy unspeakable.—*1 Peter i. 8.*

Has an infallible Word to rest upon.

Psa. cxix. 89.

Has everlasting consolation.—*2 Thess. ii. 16.*

Has exceeding great and precious promises.

2 Peter i. 4.

Possesses peace passing understanding.

Phil. iv. 7.

Is watched over with Shepherd-care.

Ezek. xxxiv. 15.

Has infinite resources to draw upon.—*Col. ii. 9.*

Has an ever-present Comforter.—*John xiv. 16.*

Heir to an eternal inheritance.—*1 Peter i. 4.*

Looks forward to exceeding and eternal weight
of glory.—*2 Cor. iv. 17.*

Waits for the Lord Himself.—*Phil. iii. 20.*

J. E. H.

ALL IN CHRIST. THOU REMAINEST.

APRIL—30 Days.

2nd. First Quar. 4h 2m a.m. 9th. Full Moon 6h 12m a.m.	15th. Last Quar. 8h 37m p.m. 23th. New Moon 4h 7m p.m.
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THE HOLINESS OF GOD.

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| 1 | S | Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness? Ex. 15. 11. |
| 2 | M | God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John. 1. 5. |
| 3 | Th | God sitteth on the throne of His holiness. Ps. 47. 8. |
| 4 | W | He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. Mal. 3. 3. |
| 5 | Th | The Lord God . . will by no means clear the guilty. Ex. 34. 7. |
| 6 | F | Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil. Hab. 1. 13. |
| 7 | S | The earth shined with His glory. Ezek. 43. 2. |
| 8 | S | A God of Truth and without Iniquity. Deut. 32. 4. |
| 9 | M | Holiness becometh Thine House, O Lord, for ever. |
| 10 | Th | God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. Is. 5. 16. |
| 11 | W | Worship at His footstool, for He is holy. Ps. 99 5. |
| 12 | Th | His eyes were as a flame of fire. Rev. 1. 14. |
| 13 | F | <i>Good Friday.</i> The glory of the Lord was like devouring fire. |
| 14 | S | Shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. |
| 15 | S | <i>Easter Sun.</i> His holy arm hath gotten Him the victory. |
| 16 | M | Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. |
| 17 | Th | There is none holy as the Lord, for there is none beside Thee |
| 18 | W | Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts. Isa. 6. 3. |
| 19 | Th | For our God is a consuming fire. Heb. 12. 29. |
| 20 | F | Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. |
| 21 | S | Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Rev. 4. 8. |
| 22 | S | Holy and reverend is His name. Ps. 111. 19. |
| 23 | M | I the Lord which sanctify you, am holy. Lev. 21. 8. |
| 24 | Th | He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. |
| 25 | W | His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men. |
| 26 | Th | No stranger, uncircumcised . . shall enter into My sanctuary. |
| 27 | F | I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel. |
| 28 | S | Dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto. |
| 29 | S | Yea, the heavens are not clean in His sight. Job. 15. 15. |
| 30 | M | Yea, the stars are not pure in His sight. Job 25. 5. |

Five Points for Young Christians.



FIVE things, if remembered, will help you each day ;
Obeyed, they will keep you from going astray ;
Though Satan may tempt you and trials betide,
You surely will conquer, and in Christ abide.

"KEEP LOOKING TO JESUS," He never can fail,
And walk in His footsteps in every detail ;
The world's vain allurements will vanish from sight,
By "looking to Jesus" your Saviour and Light.

"READ DAILY YOUR BIBLE," if you would be strong
To witness for Jesus and overcome wrong ;
"The Author," "The Book," and "the doer" abide,
But they who neglect it will surely backslide.

"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING." This will bring you to Him
Who cleanses and keeps you a victor o'er sin ;
There's nothing so great that our God cannot do,
And nothing so small but He'll undertake too.

"CONFESS HIM TO OTHERS." Be bold for your King
To those who are lying in darkness and sin ;
What help can you better, to all recommend,
Than this Blessed Jesus—the needy one's Friend ?

"DO SOMETHING FOR JESUS," He did all for you ;
Your joy find in willing *His* sweet will to do.
So seeking to please Him through life day by day,
His presence shall gladden each step of your way.

J. McINTOSH.

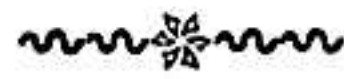
MAY—31 Days.

1st. First Quar. 7h 7m p.m. 8th. Full Moon 2h 10m p.m. 31st. First Quar. 6h 24m a.m.	15th. Last Quar. 7h 3m a.m. 28rd. New Moon 8h 1m a.m.
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THE BELIEVER CALLED TO BE HOLY.

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| 1 | Th | As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy. |
| 2 | W | Serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness. |
| 3 | Th | The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people. |
| 4 | F | The life of Jesus should be made manifest in our body. |
| 5 | S | Be ye holy for I am holy. 1 Pet. 1. 16. |
| 6 | S | I will be sanctified in them that come nigh Me. Lev. 10. 3. |
| 7 | M | Sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord. 1 Pet. 3. 15. (R.v.) |
| 8 | Th | Ye shall be holy . . for I, the Lord your God, am holy. |
| 9 | W | I have severed you from . . people that ye should be holy. |
| 10 | Th | All the days of his separation he is holy unto the Lord. |
| 11 | F | Abstain from all appearance of evil. 1 Thess. 5. 22. |
| 12 | S | Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. 1 Chro. 16. 29. |
| 13 | S | Yield your members servants . . . to holiness. Rom. 6. 19. |
| 14 | M | Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable. |
| 15 | Th | Be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean. |
| 16 | W | This is the will of God even your sanctification. 1 Thess. 4. 3. |
| 17 | Th | Sanctified and meet for the Master's use. 2 Tim. 2. 21. |
| 18 | F | Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. |
| 19 | S | Be ye holy in all manner of conversation. 1 Peter 1. 15. |
| 20 | S | The very God of peace sanctify you wholly. 1 Thess. 5. 23. |
| 21 | M | We also should walk in newness of life. Rom. 6. 4. |
| 22 | Th | Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. |
| 23 | W | Let the priests which come near to the Lord sanctify them- |
| 24 | Th | Adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. [selves |
| 25 | F | If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. |
| 26 | S | That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing. |
| 27 | S | In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works. |
| 28 | M | Love not the world, neither the things in the world. |
| 29 | Th | Now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light. |
| 30 | W | Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling. Heb. 3. 1. |
| 31 | Th | The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself. |

The Believer's Life.



“**B**UT now in Christ Jesus.” Three brief mottoes, taken from the Word of God, comprehensively cover the whole of this great subject—“*Believe on Me,*” “*Abide in Me,*” *Receive ye the Holy Ghost.*” These, rightly understood, embrace the whole experience of the believer, from the time of his conversion to the period of his death, or entrance into glory.

“*Believe on Me*” (John xiv. 1), not simply “believe something about Me.” To believe *on* Christ is to come into personal touch with Him, and rest upon Him; as One who can bear you, as well as the burden of your sins.

The second great motto is “*Abide in Me.*” The expression “in Christ,” “in Him,” “in whom” is found more frequently in the New Testament than any other. You may write these two words over every book of the New Testament. Thus: *Romans*, justified in Christ; *Corinthians*, sanctified in Christ; *Galatians*, crucified in Christ; *Ephesians*, ascended in Christ; *Philippians*, satisfied in Christ; *Thessalonians*, glorified in Christ; and so clear through to *Jude*, preserved in Christ.

The third motto of the new life is, “*Receive ye the Holy Ghost.*” On the very night of our Lord’s *resurrection* He breathed on them, and said, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost.” That was a typical impartation of the Spirit, not for *witness*, but for *LIFE*, and it came immediately upon the event of His Resurrection, because the in-breathing and indwelling of the Spirit of Life was to be dependent upon and associated with that event in the New Testament.

A. T. PIERSON, D.D.

JUNE—30 Days.

6th. Full Moon 9h 12m p.m. 13th. Last Quar. 7h 34m p.m.	21st. New Moon 11h 6m p.m. 29th. First Quar. 2h 19m p.m.
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THE HOLY SPIRIT—POWER FOR HOLY LIVING.

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| 1 | F | Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come. |
| 2 | S | Power, according to the Spirit of holiness. Rom. 1. 4. |
| 3 | S | <i>Whit-Sunday.</i> He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. |
| 4 | M | The Spirit of God dwelleth in you. 1 Cor. 3. 16. |
| 5 | Tu | Full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. Acts 6. 3. |
| 6 | W | Be endued with power from on high. Luke 24. 49. |
| 7 | Th | I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord. Micah 3. 8. |
| 8 | F | He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness. |
| 9 | S | The Spirit searcheth all things . . . the deep things of God. |
| 10 | S | A man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. Acts 6. 5. |
| 11 | M | We have received . . . the Spirit which is of God. 1 Cor. 2. 12. |
| 12 | Tu | Be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5. 18. |
| 13 | W | The Holy Ghost shall teach you what ye ought to say. |
| 14 | Th | Abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost. |
| 15 | F | Praying always with all prayer . . . in the Spirit. Eph. 6. 18. |
| 16 | S | Hereby we know that He abideth in us by the Spirit. |
| 17 | S | Strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. |
| 18 | M | Walking . . . in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. Acts 9. 31. |
| 19 | Tu | Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Acts 11. 16. |
| 20 | W | The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost. |
| 21 | Th | The love of God is shed abroad . . . by the Holy Ghost. |
| 22 | F | Acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Rom. 15. 16. |
| 23 | S | Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. 1 Cor. 6. 19. |
| 24 | S | By kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned. |
| 25 | M | Ye received the word . . . with joy of the Holy Ghost. |
| 26 | Tu | Holy men of God spake, moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Pet. 1. |
| 27 | W | Through sanctification of the Spirit unto obediences. [21. |
| 28 | Th | Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh |
| 29 | F | Quench not the Spirit. 1 Thess 5. 19. |
| 30 | S | Ye beloved . . . praying in the Holy Ghost. Jude 20. |

Loved.



LOVED ! then the way will not be drear
For One we know is ever near,
Proving it to our hearts so clear
That we are loved.

Loved with an everlasting love
By Him who left His home above,
To bring us life, and light, and love,
Because He loved.

Loved, when our sky is clouded o'er,
And days of sorrow press us sore ;
Still will we trust Him evermore,
For we are loved.

Time, that affects all things below,
Can never change the love He'll show ;
The heart of Christ with love will flow,
And we are loved.

Loved in the past of yesterday,
And all along our future way,
And in the present of to-day—
For ever loved.

Loved when we sing the glad new song
To Christ, for whom we've waited long,
With all the happy, ransomed throng—
For ever loved.

JULY—31 Days.

6th Full Moon 4h 28m a.m. 18th Last Quar. 10h 18m a.m.	21st New Moon. 0h 59m p.m. 28th First Quar. 7h 56m p.m.
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WILLING OFFERINGS TO THE LORD.

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| 1 | S | Whosoever is of a willing heart let him bring it, an offering. |
| 2 | M | They brought . . . free offerings every morning. Ex. 36. 3. |
| 3 | Tu | Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord. Lev. 22. 29. |
| 4 | W | The silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the Lord. |
| 5 | Th | Every one whom his spirit made willing. Ex. 35. 21. |
| 6 | F | Brought the Lord's offering . . . for all His service. |
| 7 | S | Accept, I beseech Thee, the freewill offering of my mouth. |
| 8 | S | First gave their own selves to the Lord. 2 Cor. 8. 5. |
| 9 | M | To do good and to communicate forget not. Heb. 13. 16. |
| 10 | Tu | With such sacrifices God is well pleased. Heb. 13. 16. |
| 11 | W | Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually. |
| 12 | Th | When Hezekiah . . . saw the heaps they blessed the Lord. |
| 13 | F | It is accepted according to that a man hath. 2 Cor. 8. 12. |
| 14 | S | The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord |
| 15 | S | Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me. Ps. 50. 23. |
| 16 | M | Distribution was made unto every man . . . as he had need. |
| 17 | Tu | The children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits. |
| 18 | W | Your abundance may be a supply for their want. 2 Cor. 8. 14. |
| 19 | Th | Brought in the offerings and the tithes . . . faithfully. |
| 20 | F | Offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God. 1 Peter 2. 5. |
| 21 | S | Ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Phil. 4. 16. |
| 22 | S | He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. |
| 23 | M | The tithes of all things brought they in abundantly. |
| 24 | Tu | Let him give not grudgingly or of necessity. 2 Cor. 9. 7. |
| 25 | W | For God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9. 7. |
| 26 | Th | The people willingly offered themselves. Judg. 5. 2. |
| 27 | F | With perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord. |
| 28 | S | They gave after their ability unto the treasure. Ezra 2. 69. |
| 29 | S | Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure. Luke 6. 38. |
| 30 | M | Freely ye have received, freely give. Matt. 10. 8. |
| 31 | Tu | Present your bodies a living sacrifice. Rom. 12. 1. |

Gems from Keswick.

A "FOURFOLD description of the work of Christ."
(1) Christ's death; (2) His resurrection; (3) His ascension; (4) His intercession. The *death* met our need as guilty; the *resurrection* met our need, as those who were powerless, imparting a new life in Him; the *ascension* secured our victory over all spiritual foes, and the *intercession* provided for every kind of need which the people of God might experience. DR. PIERSON.

To him who is *in Christ Jesus* all things work together for good even when Satan hurls at him his fiery dart. "In Christ" nothing can reach you that is going to hurt you. The great thing is to be sure that you *are* there, and that you *abide* there. The strategy of God is to get us there, and the strategy of the devil is to get us out. DR. PIERSON.

As Aaron always carried the names of the twelve tribes in all their weakness and folly when he went in before the Lord, so our great High Priest bears the names of the people of God in the place of strength and safety before the Father's presence. Aaron did this when he went in before the Lord, but when he came out he took off his garments and went about his business. Our High Priest does not come out, but stays there, so that our names are always upon His shoulders and heart. Do you wonder that the Psalmist said, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord," the burden of your anxieties, about the future, difficulties of the home life, the business life, or the church life? What a wonderful love is His? "He careth for you." It matters to Him about you. He loves you, and because He loves you, He bears you on His heart. Our Lord Jesus Christ has gone into the holy place, and has not come out again; so there is never a time when your name is not carried in upon His heart. He is there continually, and so are you. HUBERT BROOKE.

In Christ we have *provision* under the manifestation of *grace*. By Christ we have *perfect peace* under the manifestation of *goodness*. From Christ we have the gift of *power* by the manifestation of His *greatness*. Through Christ we have *perfection* by the manifestation of His *glory*. H. W. WEBB-PEPLOE.

AUGUST—31 Days.

4th. Full Moon 1h 0m p.m.	20th. New Moon 1h 28m a.m.
12th. Last Quar. 2h 48m a.m.	27th. First Quar. 0h 48m a.m.

WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING.

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| 1 | W | If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God. James 1. 5. |
| 2 | Th | The Lord put wisdom and understanding . . . how to work. |
| 3 | F | A man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels. |
| 4 | S | He hath filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom. Ex. |
| 5 | S | I will bless the Lord who hath given me counsel. [35. 31. |
| 6 | M | He that is wise may be profitable unto himself. Job 22. 2. |
| 7 | Th | The wise in heart will receive commandments. Prov. 10. 8. |
| 8 | W | A man of knowledge increaseth strength. Prov. 24. 5. |
| 9 | Th | Walk in wisdom toward them that are without. |
| 10 | F | The Lord give thee understanding in all things. 2 Tim. 2. 7. |
| 11 | S | Wisdom is the principal thing ; therefore get wisdom. |
| 12 | S | The words of wise men are heard in quiet. Ecc. 9. 17. |
| 13 | M | Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart. |
| 14 | Th | That the soul be without knowledge, it is not good. |
| 15 | W | The knowledge of the Holy is understanding. Prov. 9. 10. |
| 16 | Th | Give me understanding that I may know Thy testimonies. |
| 17 | F | I applied mine heart to know and to seek out wisdom. |
| 18 | S | He that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. Prov. 12. 15. |
| 19 | S | That ye may be filled with the knowledge of His will. |
| 20 | M | The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Prov. |
| 21 | Th | The wise man will hear and will increase learning. [1. 7. |
| 22 | W | He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous. Prov. 2. 7. |
| 23 | Th | Through Thy precepts I get understanding. Ps. 119. 104. |
| 24 | F | Understanding is a well-spring of life to him that hath it. |
| 25 | S | All Thy children shall be taught of the Lord. Isa. 54. 13. |
| 26 | S | I have taught thee in the way of wisdom. Prov. 4. 11. |
| 27 | M | The King's favour is towards a wise servant. Prov. 14. 35. |
| 28 | Th | Understanding what the will of the Lord is. Eph. 5. 17 |
| 29 | W | The Lord give thee understanding in all things. 2 Tim. 2. 7. |
| 30 | Th | The Son of God hath given us an understanding. 1 Jno. 5. 20. |
| 31 | F | Light, understanding and wisdom . . . was found in him. |

Divine Leading.



Ps. cvii. 7.

- 1.—He leads like a *Saviour*, out of the desert of sin.
Deut. xxxii. 10.
- 2.—He leads like a *Teacher*, into the knowledge of self and of God. John xvi. 13.
- 3.—He leads like an *eagle*, above the things of earth.
Deut. xxxii. 11, 12.
- 4.—He leads like a *shepherd* into the pastures of greenness and paths that are right. Psalm xxiii. 2, 3.
- 5.—He leads like a *guide* who is faithful to the end.
Isa. lviii. 11.
- 6.—He leads like a *father* dealing with a weary child.
Deut. i. 31.
- 7.—He leads as a *lamb* into the living fountains of eternal delight. Rev. vii. 17.

The Power of His Presence.

The *presence* of Christ means *power*, whether we are conscious of it or not. When He gave His last commission to his disciples, saying, "All power is given unto Me. . . . Go ye therefore. . . . Lo, I am with you alway," He was pledging His presence as the guarantee of every needful thing for the fulfilment of His will through them. His presence—

- 1.—Gives *security* to the perplexed. Gen. xxviii. 15.
- 2.—Gives *encouragement* to witness-bearing.
Ex. iii. 12. Heb. xiii. 5, 6.
- 3.—Gives *strength* to the warrior. Joshua i. 5.
- 4.—Gives *comfort* to the timid. Jer. i. 8.
- 5.—Gives *victory* to the tempted. Gen. xxxix. 2-21.
- 6.—Gives *confidence* to the servant. Matt. xxviii. 20.
Phil. iv. 13.
- 7.—Gives *rest* to the pilgrim. Ex. xxxiii. 14.

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2nd. Full Moon 11h 36m p.m.
10th. Last Quar. 8h 54m p.m.

18th. New Moon 0h 34m p.m.
25th. First Quar. 6h 12m a.m.

HOLDING FAST THE FAITHFUL WORD.

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| 1 | S | Holding fast the faithful word. Titus 1. 9. |
| 2 | S | Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned. |
| 3 | M | Keep My words and lay up My commandments. Prov. 7. 1. |
| 4 | Th | I have stuck unto Thy testimonies. Ps. 119. 31. |
| 5 | W | Be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel. |
| 6 | Th | I will keep the commandments of my God. Ps. 119. 31. |
| 7 | F | Beware, lest any man spoil you through philosophy. |
| 8 | S | After the traditions of men . . and not after Christ. Col. 2. 8. |
| 9 | S | Hold fast the form of sound words. 2 Tim. 1. 13. |
| 10 | M | The word of His grace which is able to build you up. |
| 11 | Th | They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine. |
| 12 | W | I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. Prov. 4. 2. |
| 13 | Th | Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine. |
| 14 | F | Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Col. 3. 16. |
| 15 | S | Prove all things ; hold fast that which is good. 1 Thes. 5. 21. |
| 16 | S | In doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity. |
| 17 | M | If ye continue in My word then are ye My disciples. |
| 18 | Th | Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord. |
| 19 | W | I made haste and delayed not to keep Thy commandments. |
| 20 | Th | He that hath My word let him speak My word faithfully. |
| 21 | F | Preach the Word ; be instant in season, out of season. |
| 22 | S | This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth. |
| 23 | S | Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever. Ps. 119. |
| 24 | M | Whoso despiseth the Word shall be destroyed. Pro. 13. 13. |
| 25 | Th | Add not unto His words, lest He reprove thee. Prov. 30. 6. |
| 26 | W | Blessed are they that keep His testimonies. Ps. 119. 2. |
| 27 | Th | I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right. |
| 28 | F | I will keep Thy law continually for ever and ever. |
| 29 | S | Depart not from the words of my mouth. Prov. 5. 7. |
| 30 | S | Stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught. |

Holding Fast the Faithful Word.

By WILLIAM LUFF.



HOLD fast the *faithful Word of Truth!*
Thy Lifebuoy in the flood.
What! wilt thou loose thy hold, forsooth,
Of hopes so strong and good,
Because the doubters doubt? Nay, grip
With tighter hold what some let slip.

Hold fast the *faithful Word of Light!*
Thy Lamp amid the gloom:
The one love beam to cheer the night,
The darkness of death's tomb.
Hold fast! hold forth! the Light divine,
To show thy destined path and mine.

Hold fast the *faithful Word of God!*
By it He worketh still.
Oh! hold it fast, like Moses' rod,
It works, has worked, and will.
Magicians fain would see it fail,
But hold it fast, it must prevail.

Hold fast the *faithful Word of Heaven!*
Look up! cling fast and rise!
It is the ladder God has given,
To link us with the skies.
A ladder high as Jacob saw,
Climb on, nor once thy hand withdraw.

Hold fast the *faithful Word* until
Its every line fulfilled,
Thou shalt have learned God's perfect will;
Then with the vision thrilled,
When doubters fall, thy soul shall know
God's Word no man can overthrow.

OCTOBER—31 Days.

2nd. Full Moon 0h 48m p.m.	17th. New Moon 10h 43m p.m.
10th. First Quar. 8h 89m p.m.	24th. Last Quar. 1h 50m p.m.

GOD'S THOUGHTS—OUR PEACE.

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| 1 | M | How precious are Thy thoughts unto me, O God. Ps. 139. 17. |
| 2 | Tu | I will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. |
| 3 | W | I am poor and needy ; yet the Lord thinketh upon me. |
| 4 | Th | Thoughts of peace and not of evil. Jer. 29. 11. |
| 5 | F | Peace . . . through the knowledge of God and of Jesus. |
| 6 | S | Many . . . are Thy thoughts which are to usward. Ps. 40. 5. |
| 7 | S | How great are Thy works . and Thy thoughts are very deep. |
| 8 | M | Peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near. |
| 9 | Tu | He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob. Num. 23. 21. |
| 10 | W | Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love. Jer. 3. 1. |
| 11 | Th | Thy thoughts to usward . . are more than can be numbered. |
| 12 | F | It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. |
| 13 | S | The Lord taketh pleasure in His people. Ps. 149. 4. |
| 14 | S | The Lord will bless His people with peace. Ps. 29. 11. |
| 15 | M | I have called thee by thy name : thou art Mine. Isa. 43. 1. |
| 16 | Tu | Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands. |
| 17 | W | Called us according to His own purpose and grace. 2 Tim. 1. 9. |
| 18 | Th | Ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people. |
| 19 | F | The Lord's portion is His people. Deut. 32. 9. |
| 20 | S | Behold, thou art fair, My love ; behold, thou art fair. |
| 21 | S | In My favour have I had mercy on thee. Isa. 60. 10. |
| 22 | M | Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. Rom. 8. 17. |
| 23 | Tu | Holy and without blame before Him in love. Eph. 1. 4. |
| 24 | W | Ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord. |
| 25 | Th | I the Lord have severed you . . that ye should be Mine. |
| 26 | F | With everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee. |
| 27 | S | I have chosen thee and not cast thee away. Isa. 41. 9. |
| 28 | S | To present you holy and unblameable in His sight. Col. 1. 22. |
| 29 | M | They shall be Mine . . when I make up my jewels. |
| 30 | Tu | Perfect through My comeliness which I have put upon thee. |
| 31 | W | God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them. |

Fear Not—Faint Not—Fret Not.



FEAR NOT—He loveth thee,
Jesus is near,
Sad heart, untroubled be,
Since to Him dear ;
Doth not His perfect love
Cast out all fear ?

FAINT NOT—He holdeth thee
With His strong arm ;
He who hath made the worlds
Shields thee from harm ;
Strength for all need He gives,
And healing balm.

FRET NOT—He keepeth thee,
Though cares increase,
E'en midst life's bonds and bars
He gives release ;
Trust—for Thy God can keep
In perfect peace.

FEAR NOT, NOR FAINT, NOR FRET ;
Thou yet shalt prove
That His wise plan for thee
Is far above
All that thy thought can grasp
Rest in His love.



J. H. S.


NOVEMBER—30 Days.

1st. Full Moon. 4h 46m a.m. 9th. Last Quar. 9h 45m a.m. 30th. Full Moon 11h 7m p.m.	16th. New Moon 8h 37m a.m. 23rd. First Quar. 0h 39m a.m.
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GOD'S CARE—OUR PROVISION.

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| 1 | Th | Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you. |
| 2 | F | My God shall fulfil every need of yours. Phil. 4. 19. (R.V.) |
| 3 | S | The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Ps. 23. 1. |
| 4 | S | He compassed him about, He cared for Him. Deut. 32. 10. (R.V.) |
| 5 | M | Thy God hath been with thee, thou hast lacked nothing. |
| 6 | Th | Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good. |
| 7 | W | Forty years didst Thou sustain them in the wilderness. |
| 8 | Th | In everything ye are enriched by Him. 1 Cor. 1. 5. |
| 9 | F | God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. 1 Tim. 6. 17. |
| 10 | S | Bread shall be given him, and his water shall be sure. Is. 33. 16 |
| 11 | S | The barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil. |
| 12 | M | Thou preparest a table before me. Ps. 23. 5. |
| 13 | Th | He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. Acts 17. 25. |
| 14 | W | The Lord hath dealt bountifully with me. Ps. 116. 7. |
| 15 | Th | He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good. |
| 16 | F | He bare them and carried them all the days of old. |
| 17 | S | He shall feed His flock like a shepherd. Isa. 40. 11. |
| 18 | S | Even by the springs of water shall He guide them Isa. 49. 10. |
| 19 | M | I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him. |
| 20 | Th | God is able to make all grace abound towards you. |
| 21 | W | How shall He not with Him also freely give us all things. |
| 22 | Th | I will feed My flock, and cause them to lie down. |
| 23 | F | The Lord shall . . . satisfy thy soul in drought. Isa. 58. 11. |
| 24 | S | Thou givest them their meat in due season. Ps. 145. 15. |
| 25 | S | He fed them according to the integrity of His heart. Ps. 78. 72. |
| 26 | M | He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul. |
| 27 | Th | The ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning. |
| 28 | W | We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Ps. 100. 3. |
| 29 | Th | Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need. |
| 30 | F | Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. |

Words of Cheer on the Pilgrim's Way.

HILD of God, is the road rough, the night dark, the cross heavy? Faint not nor be discouraged. as though some strange thing had happened unto you (1 Pet. iv. 12). There are many close beside you wrestling on toward heaven, 'gainst storm and wind and tide, though you think yourself alone. It is the King's highway, much traversed by Zion's pilgrims; and One, bearing His Cross, hallowed the path on a darker day than thine. The day dawn is near, "Weeping may come in to lodge at even, but joy cometh in the morning." (Ps. xxx. 5. R.V., Mar.).

You carry a wondrous *secret* in your bosom, the secret of God's love. What joy, what dignity, to be beloved of God! "And it doth not yet appear what we shall be." We live on the eve of a glad surprise, we expect the return of One who loves us! Shall all that this poor earth can offer lure us in any forbidden path? One glimpse, Spirit given, of our absent Lord throws earth's brightest glories into the shade.

Child of God, if the earthly nest has been all disarranged and upset, hear through this a well-known voice whispering to you, "Arise ye, and depart, for this is not your rest, because it is polluted." There is a Home where everything will run smooth and straight, where there shall be nothing to hurt nor to destroy. No breaking up there, no interruption to the communion, for those who have entered in shalt go no more out.

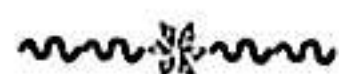
DECEMBER—31 Days.

9th. Last Quar. 1h 45m a.m. 15th. New Moon 6h 54m p.m.	22nd. First Quar. 8h 4m p.m. 30th. Full Moon 6h 44m p.m.
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GOD'S WILL—OUR BLESSING.

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| 1 | S | This is the will of God, even your sanctification. 1 Thes. 4. 3. |
| 2 | S | If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine. |
| 3 | M | A blessing if ye obey the commandments of the Lord. |
| 4 | Th | Whoso hearkeneth unto Me shall dwell safely. Prov. 1. 33. |
| 5 | W | He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 1 John 2. 17. |
| 6 | Th | Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. |
| 7 | F | Stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. Col. 4. 12. |
| 8 | S | Not My will, but Thine be done. Luke 22. 42. |
| 9 | S | It is the Lord ; let Him do what seemeth Him good. |
| 10 | M | Thou shalt keep His statutes . . . that it may go well. |
| 11 | Th | If they obey, they shall spend their days in prosperity. |
| 12 | W | Well with us when we obey the voice of the Lord. |
| 13 | Th | That ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will. |
| 14 | F | Doing the will of God from the heart. Eph. 6. 6. |
| 15 | S | Teach me to do Thy will ; for Thou art my God. Ps. 143. 10. |
| 16 | S | If ye continue in My word, then are ye my disciples indeed. |
| 17 | M | Blessed are they that keep My ways. Prov. 8. 32. |
| 18 | Th | If we ask anything according to His will He heareth us. |
| 19 | W | Prove what is that good and acceptable . . . will of God. |
| 20 | Th | In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God. |
| 21 | F | By the which will we are sanctified. Heb. 10. 10. |
| 22 | S | Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Matt. 6. 10. |
| 23 | S | If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land |
| 24 | M | Blessed are they that keep His testimonies. Ps. 119. 2. |
| 25 | Th | <i>Christmas Day.</i> Lo ! I come to do Thy will, O God. |
| 26 | W | Whosoever shall do the will of My Father . . . is My brother. |
| 27 | Th | Hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know His will, |
| 28 | F | If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them. (R.V.) |
| 29 | S | They seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways. |
| 30 | S | Whoso is wise and will observe these things. Ps. 107. 43. |
| 31 | M | They shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord. |

My Sufficiency.



THANK Thee, Lord, that Thou hast shown
And I begin to see,
What Thou canst be to all Thine own,
What they may be to Thee ;
If only they will yield Thee all,
And trustingly obey Thy call.

I TAKE THEE AS MY KEEPER NOW,
And I commit to Thee
My soul, my way, my works, my cause,
In Thy sole charge to be ;
And my deposit, Thou, I know
Wilt guard secure from every foe.

I TAKE THEE FOR MY PEACE, O LORD,
My heart to keep and fill,
Thine own great calm, amid earth's storms,
Shall keep me always still,
And as Thy kingdom doth increase,
So shall Thine ever-deepening peace.

I TAKE THEE AS MY WISDOM TOO,
For wisdom's sum Thou art ;
Thou, who dost choose the foolish things,
Set me henceforth apart ;
That I may speak and work for Thee
As Thou shalt work and speak in me.

I TAKE THEE, LORD, TO BE MY ALL,
Since all Thou art is mine,
I nothing have, and nothing am ;
That nothing Lord is Thine.
Thou shalt be everything to me
In all things my sufficiency.

ANNIE W. MARSTON.



Alone, yet Not Alone.



“WATCH, and am as a sparrow alone upon the
the housetop.”—*Psalm cii. 7.*

“And yet I am not alone, because the Father is
with me.”—*John xvi. 32.*

“Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end.”—*Matt.
xxviii. 20.*

“Thou art near, O Lord.”—*Psalm cxix. 151.*

THOU’RT ALWAYS NEAR, Christ Jesus
My gracious, loving Lord,
To comfort and to cheer me
By Thine own precious Word,

THOU’RT ALWAYS NEAR—how can I
Feel lonely or alone,
Since Thou art ever with me,
My heart, O Lord, Thy throne ?

THOU'RT ALWAYS NEAR.—Thou seest me
When bowed with deepest grief,
And tear-drops fall unbidden,
Thy Presence brings relief.

THOU'RT ALWAYS NEAR, my Saviour,
And me Thou ne'er wilt leave,
I rest upon Thy promise—
Thy word of truth believe.

THOU'RT ALWAYS NEAR—when dear ones
From me are far away,
Thou drawest *nearer*—NEARER—
Thou comest, Lord, to stay !



THOU'RT ALWAYS NEAR—how lovely
To lean upon Thy breast,
To catch Thine ev'ry whisper,
Behold, Lord, this is rest !

THOU'RT ALWAYS NEAR—how fully
Are all my longings met !
My cup—it runneth over,
My heart on Thee is set.

THOU'RT ALWAYS NEAR. Oh, draw me
Nearer and nearer Thee
Until that rapturous moment
When I Thy Face shall see !

EDITH B. SCHOFIELD.

The Lord is my Shepherd.*



1. "*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.*" A fact is stated, and the result of that fact. As the wants of the sheep arise the Shepherd prepares for them and meets every one; so it is as good as having *no wants*.

2. "*He maketh me to lie down.*" That is what the enemy of our souls will not allow; his object is to keep his followers in a constant round of dissipation and rush. "*He leadeth me beside the still waters*"—waters of quietness—a gently flowing rivulet.

3. "*He restoreth my soul.*" The same word is used in Psalm xix. 7 (*converting*) and lxxx. 3 (*turn us again*). From a comparison of passages it does not seem that the meaning of this verse is exhausted in the thought of ministering a cordial or refreshment. It seems to point to the restoring, the turning back of the sheep that has begun to wander. That is what our gracious Lord does to us; He makes us aware that we are getting into danger and calls us—first by His Word; if He can accomplish His object by the Spirit's bringing the Word to remembrance, good; but if we will not listen, chastisement will be used. We spare Him much painful work if we yield to the first importunity of His love, which would recall our souls to Him when we have in the least degree wandered.

How prone the sheep is to wander we see from Psalm cxix. 176. This book is written by One who knows us altogether, the Holy Ghost; and this is the prayer He puts into the lips of the psalmist, "*Seek Thy servant.*" The honest soul, the spiritually-minded soul, breathes all through Psalm cxix., and yet that one, advanced in spiritual attainments and enjoying no little amount of real fellowship and communion with God, finds out in the bitterness of his soul that he has gone astray. It shows that a deeply-taught soul and quick spiritual perception are needed to detect the tendency of our hearts to get away from the living God.

"*For His name's sake.*" God's wonderful love to us does everything for our greatest profit; but He has a

* Notes of an exposition of Psalm xxiii. by Mr. James Wright, Director of the Bristol Orphan Houses, October 23rd, 1904. The last portion of Scripture Mr. Wright asked to have read shortly before his departure, when himself unable to read, was this psalm.

higher motive. He is the Shepherd, and has the Shepherd's characteristics to maintain, and the honour of His own name is involved in keeping us in the right way.

4. "*Thou art with me.*" See Psalm lxxiii. 23 "I am continually with Thee; Thou hast holden me by Thy right hand." It is good to put the two together.

5. Now the metaphor changes entirely, and he regards Jehovah as his host. Melchizedek prepared a table for Abraham when he returned from the fight, and our Melchizedek also prepares a feast in the midst of our enemies. In other words there can be heavenly peace in the soul in the midst of the most tremendous tribulation in the world, trial in the church, and even trouble in the family; amidst it all, "peace, peace," if we are close to the Shepherd.

"*Thou.*" How beautiful it is to see that the Shepherd does it all! And another thing—it is all in the *present* tense *maketh, leadeth, restoreth, is with me* in the valley of the shadow of death, *preparest* a table and my cup *runneth over—now*, at the present moment.

Is all that ours? If it is not, why not? It ought to be, and it may be if we do not grieve the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the dove, gentle, tender, and very easily grieved, and He is the Revealer of this Shepherd to our souls.

"Take heed, my soul, and watch and pray,
Lest thou the Spirit grieve,
'Who makes thee know the Father's love,
And in the Son believe!"

6. The journey is not over when the table is prepared in the midst of enemies. He has to start again; but he looks on to the end and says, "*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*" every step of the way. It is one thing to have two servants, Goodness and Mercy, following me; my running after something is another matter. He does not say, "I will pursue *them,*" but they shall be at hand. I have one object, that is *God*; I am not following *good*, but *God*, and then good will follow me. Salvation is the mercy of all others; if we have this *grace*, then *glory* must follow (Ps. lxxxiv. 11), and thus God will be doing good to us every day of our life. And then we come to our home—"I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever": that must be the culmination of His taking up *His dwelling* in us.

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