

cognised in the body, surely the Lord will shew He acknowledges us by chastening when needed, that He may bless us the more. "Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord and shall not we receive evil." But, as was before stated, this is the trial of faith, it is a step in the right direction to discern the Lord's dealings with His people. "The Lord with them," becomes recovered strength to Gideon; and accordingly as this was discerned, there was blessing in his career. How his faith sought encouragement, and how the Lord dealt graciously towards him, the Scripture records.

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**"FAINT, YET PURSUING."**

(JUDGES viii. 4.)

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"Though faint, yet pursuing,  
We go on our way,  
The Lord is our Leader,  
His word is our stay;  
Though suffering and sorrow  
And trial be near,  
The Lord is our Refuge,  
And whom can we fear.

"He raiseth the fallen,  
He chereth the faint,  
If the weak are oppress'd,  
He hears their complaint;  
The way may be weary,  
And thorny the road,  
But how can we falter,  
Whose help is in God.

"And to His green pastures  
Our footsteps He leads;  
His flock in the desert  
How kindly he feeds!

The lambs in His bosom  
He tenderly bears,  
And brings back the wanderers  
Safe from the snares.

"Though clouds may surround us,  
Our God is our Light,  
Though storms rage around us,  
Our God is our might;  
So, 'faint, yet pursuing,'  
Still onward we come,  
The Lord is our Leader,  
And heaven our home.

"And there, all His people  
Eternally dwell,  
With Him who hath led them  
So safely and well;  
The toilsome way over,  
The wilderness past;  
And Canaan the blessed  
Is theirs at the last."

(To be continued, D. V.)