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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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WHERE HEAVEN IS.

Oh, Heaven is nearer than mortals think.

When they look, with a trembling dread,
At the misty future that stretches on
From the silent homes of the dead.

'Tis no lone isle in a boundless main,
No brilliant but distant shore,
Where the lovely ones who are called away
Must go to return no more.

No; Heaven is near us; the mighty veil
Of mortality blinds the eye
That we cannot see the angel bands
On the shores of eternity.

Yet oft, in the hours of holy thought,
To the thirsting soul is given
That power to pierce through the mist of sense
To the beautiful scenes of Heaven.

Then very near seems its pearly gates,
And sweetly its harpings fall;
Till the soul is restless to soar away,
And longs for the angel call.

I know, when the silver cord is loosed,
When the veil is rent away,
Not long and dark shall the passage be
To the realms of endless day.

The eye that shuts in a dying hour
Will open the next in bliss!
The welcome will sound in a heavenly world
Ere the farewell is hushed in this.

We pass from the clasp of mourning friends
To the arms of the loved and lost;
And those smiling faces will greet us then
Which here we have valued most.

SERMON

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"And a man's foes shall be those of his own household." We live in an age of much enquiry about religious truth and doctrines, and these questions are being measurably answered, not

only from the pulpit but also in the intelligent minds of individuals. But there is another inquiry that presents itself to my mind to night. If religion is so easy and practical where has originated all of the opposing elements, or whence come all the evil in the world, whence comes this devil—we may as well have it in plain words. I need no other testimony in answer than that I have uttered, viz. "A man's foes are those of his own household." The term devil is applied to the enemy of man's salvation. Men have had, and still have various opinions about it, but Jesus makes it very plain. We believe in the unchangeableness of God's nature and that all things He creates are very good. God is good, and yet he says through Jesus Christ that a man's foes are those of his own household. Nor does this refer to his wife and children, but to his own particular nature. There is no power outside of man that can save or destroy him without his consent and co-operation. The evil around us has no power over our lives unless we yield to it within us. All evil must have its origin within man. He, who was our pattern, went about amidst the evil and degradation doing good. We can be kept from the evil by the same means as he was. Sin could not touch nor taint the holy one, you say. But I hold it true that God never set a pattern before men so wonderfully superior in character that it would be utterly impossible to follow it. He is not so unwise and unjust. No, Jesus was a man tempted in all points even as we are, without sin, because by his faithfulness to the divinity within him he never allowed himself to give way or yield to temptation. In like manner man must to-