

The standing he doth not sustain (or 'complete'),

And the flesh of the fat he doth eat,

And their hoofs he doth break off."

Fellow believer, let us ponder over all this and take it to heart, and seek grace from the Lord to be faithful amid the surrounding unfaithfulness. Let us also keep before us what Peter says in ver. 4 to encourage faithfulness to *such* a Master; "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive the (not "a" but "the") crown of glory that fadeth not away."

"Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."



MEDITATIONS ON THE BOOK OF JUDGES.

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Difficulties and snares in service.

(Chap. viii. 1-23.)

The moment that we set out to walk with God, and to bear testimony for Him, we may be sure of finding all sorts of difficulties in our path. In the preceding chapter, Gideon and his three hundred companions encountered some. Their conflict was not without suffering, for they had to forego their pleasures and comforts, only taking so much refreshment by the way as would enable