

conflict. But in these exercises of soul we must keep before the Lord : then, when the trial comes for which the Father has been training us, there will be perfect peace. The Lord will make you bear in spirit with Him, when exercised, the burden which He will make you bear in strength in the battle. Do not shrink from inward exercise ; settle it with Him. There is no limit to our strength for obedience when our strength is the Lord's.

“ If it be possible, let this cup pass from me.” None of our souls can estimate what that cup was for One who had dwelt essentially in the Father's love ; but the most spiritual will most acknowledge it. Then holiness itself was made sin ; no one gleam of light on the soul of Jesus. At the thought of it, when pressed by Satan on His soul, we see Him sweating as it were great drops of blood. He did not think lightly of sin ! The Prince of life was brought into the dust of death : “ All thy billows passed over me.” At the cross Jesus bore what you (who are believers) will never be called to bear. Beware of denying Him. Many do so in detail who in the main acknowledge Him. Our happy privilege is, not to be occupied with the trial as a trial, but to see in every trial an opportunity of obeying God, and to say of each, as Jesus did, “ The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it ? ”

“ NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING (‘STUMBLING’), AND TO PRESENT YOU FAULTLESS BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF HIS GLORY WITH EXCEEDING JOY, TO THE ONLY WISE GOD OUR SAVIOUR, BE GLORY AND MAJESTY, DOMINION AND POWER, BOTH NOW AND EVER ! AMEN.” (*Jude 24, 25.*)