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"Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves."—Ruth 2; 7.

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A WORD OF COMFORT TO GOD'S DEEPLY TRIED ONES.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we are comforted of God." 2 Cor. 1: 3, 4.

You have had a history—a history which none but the All-seeing One has fully read—a life, it may be full of events—events deeply trying and sorrowful; or you may have a hidden sorrow, something which you cannot speak of even to your dearest earthly friends, but which has been a life-long grief.—Indeed, the sources of trial and grief are so varied that they cannot be enumerated. But your God and Father knows them all; so that you may truly say, "When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then THOU knewest my path." Psalm 142: 3. As He alone really knows them, how suitable for you to say, "My soul wait *thou* only upon God, for my expectation is from Him." Psalm 62: 5. Then you can say in happy confidence, "When I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me." Micah 7: 8.

He not only looks upon you with tender pity, but He cares for you, and can and will use all that you are passing through for your real and eternal

good, if you truly wait upon Him, and in a spirit of quiet submission bow to all He has in His inscrutable providence permitted to come upon you.—Do so, and victory is yours, and you gain that which is of more real value than all you have lost. Your sorrow will be turned into joy, and this joy none can take from you.

Let the blessed Lord Jesus, who has so loved you, and has washed you from your sins in His own blood, be your strength for the way; yea, the portion, the Beloved of your heart, and the guide of your life during the "little while." Though others may sadly disappoint you, and even prove false, yet He will ever prove true and faithful. In this way your remaining days can be bright, and your end peaceful and joyous; and when you get on the tearless shore, how fully you will be able to say,

"Our Jesus hath done all things well."

O keep near to Him. He loves you with a love far surpassing all other loves put together, and He has all power. He says, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," Matt. 28: 18; so that He can act out His love to the fullest extent. *Power and love* combine to make you blessed.—Then you may trust Him. O trust Him! Read something of Him in the Bible daily. Tell Him your whole heart. Be true to Him. It is sad that so many of those who profess His name