

How God Led Me This Forty Years.

Dear brethren and friends, I have gone through the former part of my forty years' leadings, and I now commence with yesterday, the last of my imprisonment from my Father's house. I never was so glad to get to the church of God, notwithstanding my sufferings in going after an absence of two years and a half, only during the time that Brother Fawcett was in England which is two years ago, when Brother Carroll ministered to this people for about two months. Now, just as plain as God enables me I will make this mystery to be understood. There had arisen some hardness against Sister Ann Preston, among the members of Thornhill church concerning a revelation of God to herself in the time of her affliction, before mentioned, and in the time of the ministry of the Rev. Thomas Keough, it caused the work of God to be hindered. But God let it all pass by during his ministry, and the good sister suffered on and said but little, although it was continually sounding in our ears, "Sister Ann has hindered the whole work of God, because she and her neighbour wont speak to one another." Sad indeed is the fact that this should be the case, but this was God's strict command to her: "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord." Now, I am not censuring a living person, but I am stating plain facts, and in honor of God's glory I say, May God help me to do justice to the leadings of Him with myself during these past three years. The reason why I was forbidden of God to go to the church was this: I went to a prayer meeting on the 10th day of January, in the year 1877, to tell how God had dealt with me. The minister rose up after his first prayer and gave out the subjects for prayer. Well, there was no harm in this, but it was right so far. He next said he hoped the brethren would keep to these. Right again, and I believe pleasing to God. But God did not say it was right for the minister to say, "We'll show them the glory has not departed from Israel, as some would prophecy," referring to a written message the Lord of Hosts sent him, inviting him to bring this former strife up before the officials of the Church, and the important thing of the message was this: