

only it is the working of His Spirit in us, and hence faith that reckons on the answer.

Presenting our requests, subject to His will, is always right: of this we have an example even in Gethsemane: so Paul for his thorn in the flesh. And the answer will be more glorious and blessed than the request, even when it does not *as* asked answer it. See John xii. and Psalm cxxxii. So Psalm xxi., and even Paul's request about the thorn.

Let us trust His love, and this will not come short, and if He has given us faith to expect a specific answer, bless God for it. Only *our* will must not come in; even if it were answered, (this was the case of the quails), but as a rule not, as James teaches. But where there is earnest faith, God will surely hear, though He may give us safeguards against our own will in it.

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## GATHERED FRAGMENTS:

Read JOHN xii. 1-11.

In chapter eleven Lazarus was dead and corrupting, and the sisters Martha and Mary broken-hearted with sorrow.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, comes into this scene of death and sorrow, and gives *life* and *liberty* to *dead* Lazarus, and *joy* and *peace* to the sorrowing sisters. Then, in chapter twelve, they *make Him a supper*.

There is not only life but liberty; for when La-