

are linked to and part of wisdom—no matter how small." It is the unseen yet positive force that causes growth. Should this be taken from us, progress would cease and stagnation would follow. God being Light, the sons of men may move in the Light ; causing others to admire the reflection through these obedient instruments, and they in turn maintain this illuminating Unseen Cause, because it makes the way plain to the glory of the universal soul-saving Spirit of Truth leading His people home. Religion is no sham—it is a practical infoldment, not adherence to ecclesiastical methods, but personal dealing with the Infinite Will. And in obedience to monition alone will produce happiness is a fact known to the human family, "for God has not left himself without witness in every human breast," and if approached in love will give you of that element, under qualification of the undefinable, yet ruling force, that maketh his people whole.

Complying with the Law that makes  
Our combination whole  
Is Unseen Force moving us,  
That's centered in the soul.

What sort of a Christian would he be that need run to the Bible to learn if it would be right to pray to God at subscribed periods, and what words must be employed in supplication? True prayer comes from innate desire for help—a spontaneous heart-felt longing and craving to better our condition, which generates its own desire and endeavors for aid, that outside advice could not meet its requirements, which the Spirit alone provides us with, is the verdict of the Christian suppliant. Because we too relish the bread from heaven as well as the patriarchs ; consequently, old manna is not what the children of the "Light" need. God's touch is as precious to us as it was to them, and we are equally as worthy and capable of receiving God's blessing as those of earlier date, who were just as human—erring as we do, and equally as thankful for

Our Father's love as they were ; who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth none. Consequently, we do not depend upon their inspiration for our rule of faith and practice, "for he leadeth me" at times as he did them, will forever be a universal fact—that he is the Father and Saviour of his own spiritual flock. But we are often edified in reading of Our Father's dealings with the obedient in early time, and it is just as certain that he evangelizes in this day as he did then. That he continues and will be forever, ever present help with and over his own spiritual flock everywhere. Therefore practical religion is as Jesus taught—to know and learn of God, through manifestation, whose law supercedes all records. Enter thy closet, and thou shalt find the Study, and know for thyself the difference between the teachings of God and the teaching of men. Practically solving the problem of salvation by performing simple duties.

The Father doeth the work in me,  
Doeth all the preaching ;  
Hear ye Him and know His voice,  
In the temple teaching.

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## FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT.

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One movement made with sweetest grace,  
And then she saw my eager face—  
How can I further record trace?  
I wildly wept in her embrace—  
The fountains of my heart swept wide,  
And joy poured forth its swelling tide ;  
The hurrying rush of eager feet,  
Those whom expectant joy made fleet,  
My brothers, sisters, eager each,  
With glistening eye and loving speech ;  
All gathered round and welcome gave,  
True-hearted strong, and sweet and brave.  
But there was one I longed to see,  
My Mary, darling, where was she?  
Why came she not to greet me here?  
My heart grew wild with sudden fear—  
Had evil come to lay her low?  
Our lives are mixed with joy and woe,  
One moment radiant with the light,  
Then dark and drear with sorrow's blight.  
Our lives like joyous birds on wing,