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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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## THE SOLITARY WAY.

## SERMON.;

There is a mystery in human hearts,  
And though we be encircled by a host  
Of those who love us well and are beloved,  
To every one of us, from time to time,  
There comes a sense of utter loneliness.  
Our dearest friend is "stranger" to our joy,  
And cannot realize our bitterness,  
"There is not one who really understands,—  
Not one to enter into *all* I feel."  
Such is the cry of each of us in turn,  
We wander in a "solitary way,"  
No matter what or where our lot may be;  
Each heart, mysterious even to itself,  
Must live its inner life in solitude.

And would you know the reason why this is?  
It is because the Lord desires our love.  
In every heart He wishes to be first,  
He therefore keeps the secret key Himself,  
To open all its chambers, and to bless  
With perfect sympathy and holy peace  
Each solitary soul that comes to Him.  
So when we feel this loneliness, it is  
The Father's voice saying "come to me"  
And every time we are "not understood"  
It is a call to us to come again,  
For Christ alone can satisfy the soul;  
And th' se who walk with Him from day to day,  
Can never have a "solitary way."

And when beneath some heavy cross you faint,  
And say "I cannot bear this heavy load  
alone,"

You say the truth. God made it purposely  
So heavy that you must return to Him.  
The bitter grief which "no one understands"  
Conveys a secret message from the King  
Entreating you to come to Him again.  
The man of sorrows understands it well,  
In all points tempted he can feel with you,  
You cannot come too often or too near,  
The Son of God is infinite in grace;  
His presence satisfies the longing soul,  
And those who walk with Him from day to day  
Can never have a "solitary way."

A contented mind is the greatest blessing a man can enjoy in this world; and if in the present life his happiness arises from the subduing of his desires, it will arise in the next from a gratification of them.—*Addison*.

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The more closely I study the teachings and sayings of Jesus the more I see their adaptation to the needs of man in this present state of being. I do not believe them merely because I find them in the Bible, but because I find them of practical value and worth among humanity, and corroborated by my own practical and personal experience. I have long wondered why it is that men have based their doctrines, faiths and creeds chiefly upon the teachings of the Apostles rather than upon the teachings of Jesus. Did not he whom we all acknowledge to be the greatest teacher among men understand the truth and the needs of humanity better than those simple men whom he called to aid him in his mission? They were men called from their traditions and prejudices, and seeing how hard it is to leave these *all* behind to day, it is more than likely their conception of the new religion was tinged more or less by them. If there is any discrepancy between the teaching of Jesus and the teachings of the Apostles I prefer the former, because I recognize Jesus to be paramount to all other teachers because his life was without sin, a life in perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

I have felt a message resting upon me this morning to call your attention to some of these teachings, and the practical application of them to the needs of our own day. Truth has not