

resignation, though at times the heavens seem as brass and earth as bars of iron, no rain nor dew to nourish, no wine to cheer, nor oil of joy to smooth the rugged pathway, but the seed of life is there, watched over by a loving guardian, and by a hidden process being prepared for a more full development.

O, let us watch the time, and when the rising sun, that lights the inner chambers of the heart, shines there and warms the little seed, its growth be not hindered, but carefully tended, till all we have, and are, partakes its nature. Then will we lead the higher life, commune with God, and drink of the crystal streams, ever flowing from the stream of life.

'Tis right to watch and wait, our Holy Leader said so; but quite as needful to rise up and work. The fig-tree that bore no fruit was cursed, though in the distant view so green that it drew the hungry toward it; but alas 'twas only leaves it bore. May ours be fruit that will the Father honor. His children bless by bringing each into his own appointed sphere, to act the part assigned him, using every talent given. In acting thus, the giver has his share, and the receiver's portion is doubled.

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FAINT NOT.

Dark now, and rough and cold thy path may be,
And sad the past day weary feet have trod;
But, child, it is the way, that leadeth thee,
Straight up to joy, and rest, and peace, and God.

And say not in thine heart, Yes, there will be
Rest—rest enough, when death shall end
this strife;

But ah! till then hush, God can give to thee
Richly, above thy thought here in this life.

Work, then, and wait and hope; but sit not
down

Idly upon the ground to weep and fret;
Good deeds, like precious seeds, must needs
be sown;

Faint not, a joyous harvest waits thee yet.

—Irrey Pressibel.

It you depend for water on a pond that is only filled by thunder-storms, you will often want water; but if you have a conduit that brings in water from a deep and ever flowing fountain, you never want. Human feelings and excitement, and emotions created by appeals to our feelings, may produce a temporary action, but it is only the soul which is actually "Joined to the Lord" by a true and living *faith*, that never wants strength, because Christ, who supplies that strength, can never fail.

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