

fear was gone. She went back to her father's, met her mother, gathered up her clothes and departed. The Lord stood by her, and she was kept both from fear and from harm. It was some weeks before she recovered from the cruel beating that her mother had given her, but she was happy in her soul; and she was made to realize, in a very blessed way, that the Lord was her helper.

This dear girl was willing to suffer for Jesus; she confessed Him, knowing that it would bring upon her trial and persecution; and through it she has not been a loser. Her head and hands and arms were bruised and sore, and her heart was sore also because her mother had so dreadfully abused and ill-treated her; but while sore, her heart was also rejoicing in the Lord, and she had the happy consciousness of His approval. And the day is coming when the Lord Jesus will confess this dear girl; she was not ashamed of Him, and He will not be ashamed of her. How fully recompensed she will be when He confesses her before His Father, and before the holy angels!

“**M**Y sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand” (Jno. x : 17-28).