

the possibility or propriety of God's course. This is all unnecessary.

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His foot-steps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm."

He visits our individual conditions in His own way, sometimes producing storms within us that beat with raging billows so as to make the whole frame quake with fear until it is calmed again. I have experienced it, and I have seen it in others, to such an extent that it can be discerned by our associates around us. Is not this the testimony recorded of many of old? It is said they heard a voice, but saw no man. The power that performed wonders in those times, shall we not trust in it now; and when the tempests arise, shall we not call upon this Christ, which may be asleep in the hindermost part of the ship; that is, this divine and saving principle may be lying dormant in our souls. Let us call it to our assistance, and when we see the miracle it will work, we will leap for joy, and render thanks to God, and your lives and my life, actuated and controlled by this principle, will be preaching practical righteousness by living example to our fellow-men. We are no less responsible for this influence than was Jesus. I can find no particular difference in our relations to God between former times and this. What doth the Lord require of *us*: "But to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God?" And the great and glorious privileges that He has ever vouchsafed to man will be granted us, and will bring us along in an experimental developement from one day to another, until we are brought into entire harmony with Him. And we shall not only believe that Jesus Christ *was* born and *did* live, but that He *is* born within us, and *does* live, and is working out an atonement or reconciliation between our own souls and our heavenly Father. Unless what has been is reproduced and lived out again in our experiences, the example

is worthless to us. It is nothing to us that Jesus lived under the immediate presence of his heavenly Father, unless we too follow his example and live under the immediate presence of our heavenly Father. And when some of the experiences reach glorious results, it will be natural for human nature around us to question the right and authority by which these things are done, as they did formerly in the days of Jesus, and to these queries we should answer carefully, as it is recorded the one did who received his sight. When demanded of the Pharisees, who were seeking some excuse to accuse him, by what authority his eyes had been opened, he answered; "I know not; one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." He gave no room for accusation in his answer. If we thus abide in truth, as it is revealed by divine inspiration to our understanding, the very gates of Hell shall not prevail against us. It is broad enough and deep enough to buoy up every soul in the human family. The Lord will see every necessity, and will go before His people as a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night, and perform wonders for their preservation. It is but for us to abide in this power with unwavering faith. I am not afraid of one such trusting and abiding soul; walking thus in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, we will be made living monuments of God's eternal mercies; but we must accept Him in the way of His coming. He will never prove unto us a master, reaping where he has not sown. But there are many who read with indignation how they persecuted Jesus Christ formerly, and condemn in scorching words those who crucified Him and put him to death, and yet they are despising this divine principle in their own souls that is designed to become the Saviour of mankind. They are rebelling against that that tells them their duty, and doing that that they know is wrong, despising, persecuting,