

THE GLEANER.

"Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves."—Ruth 2; 7.

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MORE FAITH, MY LORD.

O such a faith, my Lord, give me,
A faith so strong and bold,
Which only trusts and leans on Thee,
Like Abraham of old.

A faith which knows no fear, nor shrinks
When pressed by outward foes ;
A faith which of life's fountain drinks,
To bear these earthly woes.

Faith never murmurs, nor complains,
When chastened Lord, by Thee ;
Faith knows, God cares and will sustain,
In trials perfectly.

A faith which shines more bright and clear,
In darkness than in light ;
A faith that will no danger fear ;
With God, all will be right.

Faith knows the Father will provide,
Till time, and life are past,
Faith is my compass, is my guide,
And shall be to the last.

A child-like faith, dear Lord, I need,
By Thine own hand be led,
A faith which leans more hard on Thee,
If on my dying bed.

A faith which soars with eagle's wing,
Up to the throne of grace,
A faith which can in sorrow sing,
And through my tears Thee praise.

A faith, a faith, which wavers not,
When everything seems loss,
A faith that says what e'er my lot,
God measured off my cross.

Faith is a tower where I can hide,
Safe, till life's storm is o'er,
Faith goes with prayer, side by side,
And lands on Canaan's shore.

At last when faith is changed to sight,
I'll praise Him and adore,
For every ray of heavenly light,
Faith has for me in store.

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THE OLD MAN'S PRAYER.

Sometimes the answer to prayer comes in a very indirect way. God is pleased to make men his almoners—unbelieving men, godless men. Even the Devil himself may be used indirectly to bless when he intended to curse. "The young lions may lack and suffer hunger, but they that trust in the Lord shall not lack any good thing." We may be very bold and say with good Matthew Hale, "O Lord, Thou didst at first freely give me my being ; I could not deserve it when I was not. The same title I have to my being I have to my preservation and support. It is still a free gift ; therefore I come to Thee for my bread upon no other terms than a poor beggar to a bountiful Lord." Boldly we may ask as God's children whom He is bound to feed, and whom He is pledged to deliver in every strait. The following is a beautiful instance of answered prayer :

"No," said the lawyer, "I shan't press your claim against that man ; you can get some one else to take your case, or you can withdraw it, just as you please."

"Think there isn't any money in it?"

"There would probably be some money in it but it would, as you know, come from the sale of the small house the man occupies and calls home ; but I don't want to meddle with the matter, anyhow."

"Got frightened out of it, eh?"

"No, I wasn't frightened out of it."

"I suppose the old fellow begged hard to be let off?"