

to awaken at the right moment to save you. When the lions' den is the temporary home of a faithful saint, He will close the mouths of the lions before the door is shut. When the fiery furnace is the testing place of His children, He will be there to extract the fierceness of the heat and encourage their hearts. When the waters rise to the lips of a heroic child of God, He will put a song in the mouth before the saint goes home by the way of the sea. When the home is dark and the blinds are drawn as a sign that one of your loved ones is sleeping the last sleep, He will be with you to soothe your troubled heart. When you are going down the valley that leads to the city beside the sea of glass, He will be with you. In the great day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed, He will not forget your work of faith and love, and through the ages of eternity you will be kept by the strength of His grace and the inspiration of His glory.

Knowing Christ by faith there follows abiding conviction of His presence and power to bless you. The true knowledge of Christ is a real, earnest, wise and holy passion. There is no death like the deep slumber of conviction. Your mind and heart may forge fetters of unbelief or indifference by unwillingness to listen to the voice of God ; but if you have kept your heart