

and unconvincing, in comparison with the experience of drinking the living waters. "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen." He did rise; for He lives, and He is with us all the day. I can never die; for I belong to Him who is the life. "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," and He is "alive for evermore." Once I was dead, by the law slain, but now I am alive, for I live in Him.

Not even death can hold me, for the portals of death are standing open. Jesus, Samson-like, carried away on His mighty shoulders the gates of death. They could not hold Him and His victory is mine. The resurrection of Jesus is in my soul—the love and joy and faith and song and rest and rapture, are the risen Christ within me, lifting me away with Himself to the Father's home in the skies. In sympathy with my resurrection life, do I now see, as not before, its emblems in earth and heaven. The vernal fields, the bursting buds, "the day that out of darkness breaks," all speak of Him that burst the tomb.

The resurrection is not yet complete. He brought life and immortality to light, but we have not yet seen the fulness of its glory. The Spirit that raised Jesus shall also quicken our mortal bodies, but not yet. In our captivity, let our emancipated spirits feed upon the blissful shores, and be messengers of life and light to them that have not known the resurrection life. We know not what we shall be, but we shall be like Him, because "He is not here," "He is risen indeed." Let the world know, that they too, may rejoice.

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THE INSIGHT OF LOVE

There is such a thing as spiritual genius. As the artist beholds the angel in the marble or as the man of literature sees the secret springs of human feeling and action, there are rare and beautiful spirits who discover good where others perceive nothing but evil, and find the noblest qualities under the least promising exterior.

The best Old Testament example of this power is seen in Jonathan. While David, in

the eyes of Saul, was a designing rebel, the king's son recognized in the shepherd lad one born to a high destiny and possessed of a royal nature. No selfish consideration of his own interests blinded him to the qualities which fitted his comrade to be a leader of men.

Turning to the New Testament, Barnabas manifested in a high degree the same rare insight. He it was, who stood out for Paul as a true disciple when the converted persecutor was regarded with suspicion by the church at Jerusalem. It was he who brought Paul from Tarsus as a leader in the church at Antioch. Again, when Paul positively refused to accept the services of Mark, on account of a former failure, Barnabas so firmly believed in his young kinsman's soundness of heart that he insisted, even at the cost of parting company with Paul, on giving him a second chance.

All other instances of the ability to see good in men, even when overlaid with evil, compared with that of Jesus, are like the flickering candle beside the noonday sun. He entrusted the great task of establishing His kingdom to a company of men amongst whom were numbered two who had shown a spirit of selfish ambition and angry revenge, another who basely denied him, and a third whose obstinate unbelief was removed only by a special revelation. He saw that in spite of all these indications to the contrary, these men were truly devoted to Him and that the interests of His kingdom were safe in their hands.

The secret of this genius which penetrates the husk of evil and finds the kernel of good, can be given in one word. It was love that made Jonathan so keenly alive to the nobility of David. Barnabas saw the sincerity of Paul, not because of his quick intellect, but because of his loving heart. And it was His love to the disciples that made Jesus so quick to discover and so ready to recognize, amidst all their faults and failings, the reality of their attachment to Himself.

The more we have of the love which "believeth all things," the more helpful we shall be in the development of the good that is in others and in bringing it into fuller exercise. For there is nothing that stimu-