

WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

SUFFICIENT FOR THE DAY IS IT'S
DEVELOPMENT.

Morning breaketh ! Firstly pray ;
Prayer builds high the wall of faith,
Within its shelter do thou stay
For there is work for thee to-day ;
Strive not o'er its bounds to see
What the morrow may bring forth,
Only good—will surely be
All from God it brings for thee.

God's message bodeeth nothing ill,
Work, for thy Master standeth by ;
He loves to see thee do His will
Or strive His bidding to fulfil ;
It is enough for Thee to know
This day, this hour, He doth uphold
And strengthen—that He will bestow
Sufficient grace, then forward go.

But ever let God go before,
Attempt not to forerun thy Guide,
He opens many a closed door
And smoothes life's pathway o'er and o'er—
A light, a lamp unto thy feet,
Without Him thou wouldst surely stray,
Thy feeble efforts incomplete,
Cling now to Him for counsel meet.

And for sweet solace do thou cling
In weariness, in want or pain,
To Him all thy petitions bring,
If thou wouldst lack of no good thing ;
Christ is the same as yesterday,
To-day, to-morrow, evermore,
And all-sufficient for each day,
Our guide, our solace and our stay.

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FROM TOLSTOY'S "SPIRIT OF
CHRIST'S TEACHING.

CHAPTER VIII.

LIFE NOT IN TIME.

THEREFORE A MAN REALLY LIVES
WHEN HE THINKS ONLY OF FUL-
FILLING THE WILL OF THE
FATHER IN THE PRESENT, AND
LEAVES ALL THOUGHT OF THE
PAST AND OF THE FUTURE.

*(Give us now our daily bread, and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
them that trespass against us.)*

To the doubts of his disciples, as to
what would be their reward for re-

nouncing the life of the flesh. Jesus answered : " There can be no reward for the man who understands the meaning of my teaching ; firstly, because a man who renounces his relations and those dear to him, and his property, in the name of my teaching, gains a hundred-fold more friends and property ; secondly, because a man who seeks a reward, seeks to have more than others, and that is the thing most contrary to the fulfilment of the will of the Father. In the kingdom of Heaven there are neither greater nor less ; all are equal.

Those who seek a reward for doing good are like workmen who demand a higher payment than what they have agreed for with the master, on the plea that on their own judgment they are worthier than others. Reward and punishment, abasement and exaltation, do not exist for him who understands my teaching.

No one can be greater or of more importance than another, according to the teaching of Christ.

Everyone may fulfil the will of the Father, but by doing so no one becomes superior to, or better than, another. Only kings and those that serve them, think themselves so. According to my teaching, says Jesus, there can be no superiors, because he who wishes to be better than others must be their servant, because my teaching is that life is given a man not for profit of being served, but for devotion of service altogether for the sake of others, and that he who does not follow this teaching, but exalts himself, shall but become lower.

In order not to think of reward and exaltation of self, we must understand what is the real meaning of life. It lies in the fulfilment of the will of the Father, that what He has given should be returned to Him. As the shepherd leaves the whole flock to search for one lost sheep, as a woman turns over everything to find a lost coin, so the Father shows Himself to us as the One who draws back to Himself what has once been His.