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

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AWAKE ! AWAKE !

"Now it is high time to awake out of sleep."

Come, my brethren, we must wake,
We are children of the day ;
From our souls all slumber shake,
Loving more to watch and pray ;
We are bought with Jesus' Blood,
Called and saved by sovereign grace,
We must glorify our God,
Run with zeal the heavenly race.

Come, my brethren, we must rise,
Quit ourselves like men, be strong ;
We must keep in view the prize,
Though the waiting time seem long ;
We must flee from every sin,
Gladly every good pursue ;
We must now afresh begin,
Give the Lord the honor due.

Come, my brethren, day is nigh,
Dreary night is almost o'er ;
Jesus soon will rend the sky,
And the saints will weep no more ;
Come, then, let us for Him stand,
Loyal to the coming King ;
Soon we'll be at His right hand,
And the song of triumph sing.

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TRUTH THOUGH PRECIOUS AND FROM HEAVEN,

The occasion of bitterness and
discord on earth, and why ?

Truth must be precious, for it came from God. The inspired word says, "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." The Lord said to Pilate, "For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that

is of the truth heareth My voice." He could say, "I am the truth." He was the full expression of it. He is designated, "The faithful and true Witness." And the truth which came by Him, and shone forth in Him, was divinely intended for the blessing of poor, fallen man.

We are assured that God "will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." We are saved by coming to the knowledge of the truth. The Lord said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." In praying to the Father for His own, He said, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth." The apostle speaks of "The truth that is in Jesus."

Surely, then, as truth came from God, and by the Lord Jesus, it must be a most precious boon; and being intended for man—man deceived by Satan, "who abode not in the truth," it should gladly be received by all, and at any cost. No wonder, therefore, it is said in the inspired word, "Buy the truth, and sell it not." That is, buy it at any cost, at an sacrifice, and at no price sell it; sacrifice anything sooner than sacrifice the truth. Millions of worlds, if offered, should be no inducement to reject or give up the truth, and, indeed, would be none to those who truly know it; and yet they are most glad to make it known, that others may enjoy what they enjoy.

And is it so that a thing so precious, and intended to bless, and so needful as truth in a scene where all is false, should be the occasion of trouble and bitterness?