

Touched with pity for her loneliness and sorrow, I told her how I pitied her blind state, and she said "Yes, I live far from church, and there's no one to lead me to the house of God. When I first became blind I wept. Then there came back to me the words that I had heard in the Book of God, telling me that there is no place in the world that is so poor that Jesus will not come, if the heart is only waiting for Him." So in reading the Bible, and in making it our guide in daily life, we only need to ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

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Many of the difficulties that are perplexing men with reference to the Word of God would disappear if they would follow the teaching of a simple incident that I will relate.

In the old days of the South a slave, who was also a negro preacher, had an infidel master, and the master said to the slave one day, "Are you a preacher, Sam?" "Well I tells about Jesus some, massa." "Well, if you are a preacher, you ought to understand the Bible. Now, tell me what does this mean;" and he opened the Bible and read, "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate"—words that have puzzled wiser men than the poor slave. And, said the slave, "Massa, where is it?" "It's in Romans," said the master. "Oh, my dear massa! I will explain dis 'ole business to you. It is very simple. You begin with Matthew, and do all the dear Lord tells you to do there; and then you go on to Mark, and Luke, and John, and when you get to that place it is easy enough, but you can't begin there." And so, dear friends, look up to Christ, the perfect Saviour, and begin by doing His will, and all else will be simple.

Let us see how some—poor in this world, but rich in faith—have shown their love to God's Word by helping to send it to others. A poor man in Dorsetshire had a little orchard, and selecting one of the trees, he called it the Bible Society's tree: year by year he gathered the fruit from it, sold it, and brought the proceeds as his offering for the spread of the Bible. A poor woman who kept bees, getting a new swarm, resolved that the inmates of the new hive should work for the Bible Society. At the proper time the honey was taken