

"member thyself, thy birth, breeding and friends, thy wife,
 "children, name, and credit; but as this was sudden so there
 "came in sweetly from the Lord, as sudden an answer, 't'is
 "'for my Lord.' I must not deny him before the sons of men,
 "(for that is to set men above him), but rather lose all,—yea,
 "wife, children, and mine own life, also. To this the tempter
 "replied: Oh! but that is the question, is it for him? Is it
 "not rather for my own or some others' sake? thou hast so
 "professed and practiced and now art loth to deny it; is not
 "pride and self love in the bottom? Surely this temptation
 "was strong. And thereupon I made diligent search after the
 "matter, as formerly I had done, and after a while there was
 "even as it had been a voice from heaven in my very soul,
 "bearing witness with my conscience that it was not for any
 "man's cause or sake in this world that so I had professed and
 "practiced, but for my Lord's cause and sake, and for him
 "alone, whereupon my spirit was much refreshed; as also in
 "the consideration of these three scriptures which speak on
 "this wise: Who shall say anything to the charge of God's
 "elect? Although I walk through the valley and shadow of
 "death I will fear no evil, thy rod and thy staff shall comfort
 "me; and he that continueth to the end, the same shall be
 "saved."

"But then came in the consideration of the weakness of the
 "flesh to bear the strokes of the whip though the spirit was
 "willing; and hereupon I was caused to pray earnestly unto
 "the Lord that He would be pleased to give me a spirit of
 "courage and boldness, a tongue to speak for him, and strength
 "of body to suffer for his sake, and not to shrink or yield to
 "the strokes, or shed tears lest the adversaries of the truth
 "should thereupon blaspheme and be hardened, and the weak
 "and feeble-hearted discouraged; and for this I besought the
 "Lord earnestly; at length he satisfied my spirit to give up,
 "as my soul, so my body to him, and quietly to leave the
 "whole disposing of the matter to him; and so I dressed my-
 "self in as comely a manner as I could, having such a Lord
 "and master to serve in this business. And when I heard the
 "voice of my keeper come for me, even cheerfulness did come

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