

Christ will be found wanting, when weighed against the alienation of dear ones, and the contempt of all.

Truly, these are serious obstacles, yet are we mistaken in thinking, that this, the way of the cross, is God's way? "This is the victory, that over cometh the world, even your faith." Is this the world, and must we admit, that the combined faith of English and Telegu workers is too weak for this contest with it? Or may we appropriate the sadly truthful utterances of Hezekiah when threatened with Assyrian hosts? How our hearts echo every word of the prayer that follows. How we long for that mighty faith, which in the midst of such distress, could wait patiently for the Lord; and for the chosen people of God what a wonderful deliverance came!

We want these people to come out; We feel that the honor of God would be vindicated, that the name of Jehovah would be exalted and that our own fainting hearts would be made to sing.

Is our obedience tardy or our devotion low, that faith is not a living power with us, or have we not served long enough and has God's time not yet come? But God hath said;—"Behold now is the accepted time," and though the earth and heavens pass away His word shall not fail. Surely we must look elsewhere for the reason of the bonds which still hold those who claim to believe, as also for the reason of the slowness with which the Gospel is accepted by the masses. Willingly would we pass through a long waiting, time that patience may be perfected and a more robust faith built up.

With what a measure of the spirit's anointing must Elijah have been blest if he could sit quietly content by the drying brook of Cherith. When will we learn that the greatest victories are won when the arm of Almighty God is our sole defence. Without God Elijah and Paul were ordinary men among their brethren; with God in them the wicked trembled before them.