

ness must be forgotten in the contemplation and the belief of that almighty power and goodness of our Father that are revealed and treasured up in Christ against the evil day. In no other way can we be made strong to suffer and endure. God is ever present with his people. Evil days are no sign that Christ has forsaken his church. We should laugh at the man who should deny the existence of the sun, because dark clouds are passing through the sky. No, the clouds are but mists from the earth, and the sun is still shining. No clouds gather about the orb of day. And no commotion of earth shake the throne of the living God—or diminish his love for his children. Amid the storm is he still present; nor shall the most furious enemies be permitted to wrench from His hand the guidance of humble faithful souls. Believest thou, this? Is not life more than food and raiment? Shall God, who gave his Son to die for us, withhold his sustaining hand, and fail to give whatever is necessary for our salvation? Surely not. He still numbers the hairs of the heads of his children, still interposes in our behalf, still binds up the broken heart. The future is his—his to order it, to control it, for his people's good. The past is full of demonstrations of our father's love and faithfulness. Let us be glad to trust him for the few coming years of life. We shall find him true; and he will lead us in safe paths, and give us light in darkness.

“Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.”

There is infinite bliss, even the highest and holiest raptures, in surrendering our whole being in trust to God. Such shall see the cheerful dawn: they shall hear the bird of morning sing, and find that earth's burdens, fears and sorrows, renew the soul, and work out an eternal weight of glory. Let us strive to get nearer to Christ: and pray against our evil heart of unbelief; for we walk by faith—not by sight. Soon our trials will be over, and we shall see the Lord as he is.

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The Jews would not set their foot upon a piece of paper, lest the name of God might be written upon it. Take care, lest you set your foot upon a man; for the name of God is written upon him