

The Way of Holiness Made Plain.

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The Messages Explained.

Those messages call for explanation.

The first fulfillment of the word of God to the hotel-keeper was, Be ye also ready to carry my servant to his own house dead, meaning I, the Lord.

The third message explains itself. It was evident that the work of God was about to be hindered.

The second fulfillment of the third message was a taylor's wife taken for the rejection of the Lord's word, and saying to sister Ann Preston, "Ah, you did not stop long to night." The night before this woman died, being awaked out of my sleep, I heard the sounds and the unmistakable voice of the Holy Spirit saying, "The destroying angel hath passed by thee." At the strict command of God I said to a sister in the church, who was leaving for Toronto, "Knowest thou not the first message rejected was at his shop?"

This was also noised abroad, that I had clean gone crazy; and this so enraged the church, that it was said openly, by a class-leader, "He judged no one," referring to my judgment, as they foolishly took another meaning out of it, and thought I was passing sentence on her state in the other world,—a thing I would not dare to do in her case. As I never spoke to her on the subject of religion at any time, I was totally unqualified to judge of her standing.

The fourth message was to a Church of England lady, who was suffering under the afflicting hand of God. The first message to her was, "God is love!" and she received it gladly. But the second grieved her, on account of the report of me going out of my mind. It was said to me as I went, Talk about (I withhold her name, as she was a convert to Christianity.) Through my messages and sufferings this came very near to my sister in Christ, for she was sound at heart. But her husband had not so much patience as herself, and was angry to see me