

just as diligent on the part of those who are brought to Him now as He was then. Did you ever think of the extraordinary position we are in as the manifestation of His love? Because he bore you upon His heart, and me. He saw us in the stream of time, just picked us up, and is making us know the love, just as His people were brought out through the wilderness. Perhaps He will appear before we get to the end of the course. Then there will be the thought, expressed according to His mind and His Father's mind, what this love of God is—"the Church given me as my bride;" this Church connected with the manifestation of the glory of God. He will present it to Himself—He will, and with triumph. There is what He throws the husband upon as the well of water where he would always find water. The Christian's springs are never dry. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." There is love in Christ's heart for us. The one who is called to hold the place of a husband can draw from that spring fresh water to enable his soul—what? to please himself in his wife? No; to take her up in the association where she is set, to help her—never a will of his own, always with this thought about God.

Then, on the other hand, when He speaks about the wife it is just the same beautiful help given to the soul in the circumstances. He says, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." You follow me as I follow Christ. A thousand little things that it makes no difference how they are settled unless it be according to God. If I were a husband, and had to settle the burden of the responsibility, then the wife is quit of it