

treason. The law of Jehovah must have free course. Exodus xlii. 20) Justice meted out to the traitor i- mery to the nation. The people have testified—Ahab is powerless—constitutional punishment is meted out. *Second,—answer by rain. v. 4t.* The rain is promised, but prayer must continue to be made, with watching and waiting. Jas. v. 17, 18 The answer by miracle—and nature—first the one, then the other. God is supreme in both.

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The Indwelling Spirit.

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Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you.—1 Cor. iii. 16.

Jesus promised, ere He left us,
For His everlasting home,
"If I go away to heaven,
Then the Comforter will come." (John xvi. 13.)

"With you he shall dwell for ever,
In your hearts His home shall be ;
In all truth He comes to guide you, (John xv. 26.)
He shall testify of Me." (John xv. 26.)

And because we are God's children,
He, the Spirit of His Son
Sent into our hearts, that through Him
We may God "Our Father" own. (Gal. iv. 6.)

In our hearts the Spirit pleadeth
With our Father, God, in heaven,
For the sake of Christ our Saviour,
All our sins may be forgiven. (Romans viii. 26)

And God hears the Spirit's groanings,
Utterance, He cannot find, (Romans viii. 26.)
And He answers His petitions,
For He fully knows His mind. (Rom. viii. 27.)

If we yield ourselves entirely,
To His guidance here below, (Rom. vi. 13)
Hindering not His ministrations,
We shall all His fulness know. (Eph. iii 19.)

Oh! there is no other blessing
That God's holy love imparts,
Like the gift of His own Spirit,
Dwelling *ever* in our hearts! (2 Cor. ix, 15)

May He always safely guide us, (Isa. lviii. 11.)
Till we lay our armour down,
And we meet our precious Saviour,
From His hand receive the crown. (Rev. ii, 10.)

AT Venice there is a sun-dial which bears the inscription in Latin, "*I count only the hours that are serene.*" The dark and dismal, sad and sullen hours are forgotten, and the others only recorded. And in God's sight only those hours of Christian experience when the soul is open to the shining of His face are worthy of being reckoned. Only the serene hours are counted. Why not have them all serene?

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The Secret of Power.

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LET us turn to 2 Kings ii. The story of Elijah being taken up to heaven. He is accompanied by Elisha, of whom it is said, in chapter iii., "Here is Elisha who poured water on the hands of Elijah." He occupied the place of a menial servant to Elijah; he took the lowest place, and was glad to do so. Now his master walks and talks with him, as with his most intimate friend. He can tell him the great secrets of his heart and life, and thus together, the two pursue their way from Gilgal to Bethel, from Bethel to Jericho, from Jericho to Jordan. It is down hill all the way, and at each stage, Elijah says to Elisha, "Tarry here, I pray thee." But the servant is faithful, so "*they two went on.*" Thus it must be with the true servant of Christ. He must walk and talk with his Master as He leads him down the path of self-renunciation. Nothing around him can divert his mind from the communion he enjoys with his Lord. The beauty of Jericho, the associations of Bethel, the knowledge of the reproach of Egypt rolled away at Gilgal, all are insignificant in comparison with the heart to heart ministry. To hear the voice of Jesus is better far than the knowledge of the great truths intellectually. Having crossed Jordan, Elijah asked Elisha what he could do for him before he was taken from him. He replied, "Let a double portion," or rather let the birth-right portion, "of thy spirit rest on me." Make me thine eldest son. To this, Elijah replied, "Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so." These were the terms of the blessing. Would anything now divert the eye or mind of Elisha? Whilst ascending the hill-slope on the other side Jordan, would Elisha be concerned either about the view of the surrounding country or the location of the cities, or the windings of the river, or the pastures for flocks? Or would the roughness of the ascent engage his thoughts? No; he would be absorbed in the conversation, and he would be mindful of the terms of the promised blessing; "If thou shalt see me when I am taken from thee." Nothing must eclipse for one moment the view of his master; not for a moment shall his eye be taken off him. "And it came to pass as they still went on and talked," Blessed progress and blessed communion. The communion so be-