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Her Test.

When Robert Morrison the great apostle of Protestant missions in China was set apart for his work, he sailed for New York, because it was impossible to reach his destination by a direct route. A touching incident is on record concerning his stay at the house of a Christian gentleman in New York.

Morrison had been taken suddenly ill, and was laid in the gentleman's own chamber, where, in a little crib beside the bed, slept a child whom it was thought a pity to disturb. On awaking in the morning she turned to look as usual to her parents; but, seeing a stranger in their place, was somewhat alarmed. After a moment's pause, she fixed her intelligent eyes steadily upon him and said, "Man, do you pray to God?"

"O, yes, my dear," said Mr. Morrison. "every day; God is my best friend." The answer seemed at once to reassure the startled child; she laid her little head contentedly upon her pillow, and fell asleep. Morrison often referred to the circumstance, and said that it taught him a lesson of confidence and faith.

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