

the occupant of the roof, who had been reclining on its steep slope with her head resting upon her hand, turned, and a sweet womanly face looked up into mine.

Until my dying day I shall never forget the expression on that upturned countenance! Instead of the fear, horror, and agony with which I expected to see it distorted, it was quiet and calm, with an unspeakable, serene, abiding PEACE, and with a kindly nod of recognition of my poor effort to save her, as she swept on to certain death that peace kindled into a glory that 'ne'er was seen on land or sea,' whose radiance was unshadowed even by the awful roar and strife of the elements about. Ah, thought I, as the tears leaped unbidden to my eyes, she must have been a child of God, she knew Jesus Christ, and what filled her and illuminated her countenance was the PEACE OF GOD.

GOD IS ABLE.

Blessed word. With man an utter failure, with the ruin of all entrusted to man, with every prop taken away, how blessed to realize the power of our God. When we look upon creature failure we are often tempted to feel that God has failed, but we know in our hearts that cannot be. But we do need strong faith in this day of weakness and decay to look above all that is about us to God, to rest in Him, to keep the eye fixed on Him alone. Let us look at some of the things which the Word tells us that God is able to do.

"God is able to make all grace abound towards you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound

unto every good work." 2 Cor. ix. 8.—

Now suppose man has failed, suppose everything is in ruins, God has not failed, God cannot fail. He is just as able to make all grace abound toward every faithful soul, as He would be had nothing here failed. God is able, no matter how weak man is, no matter what man has done, that has nothing to do with God's ability. He is able to make ALL grace abound toward you. All grace, how much that means, just what God sees we need from Him, not what we think we need, not what we think God is able to give us, but the outflowing of His love to us. And He makes His grace *abound* toward us.—God is not saving of His grace, is not an unwilling Giver, but He gives without stint, without reserve, gives all that is for our good and for His glory. This is what God is able to do, what He loves to do, what He will do, if unbelief does not hinder Him.

But there is something more. If we have such a God, if there is such an inexhaustible supply to fall back upon, then we are responsible to avail ourselves of it. What should hinder our "always having all sufficiency in all things, that we may abound to every good work," if we have such a resource? "Always," that means that we never for a moment run short. It is like a spring that never runs dry. You dip out, and it fills right up.

"Having all sufficiency," what a world of meaning in those words!—They are God's words, not the words of a feeble man, but the words of the living God. All sufficiency, and that not only for some things, but for *all things*. All sufficiency for *all things*, and that is what God is able to supply you with, and to what end? "That