

Shall, trembling, in his offspring's side
the father plunge the knife ?

4. No : God rejects the bloody rites
which blindfold zeal began ;
His oracles of truth proclaim
the message brought to man.

5. He what is good hath clearly shown,
O favour'd race ! to thee.
And what doth God require of those
who bend to him the knee ?

6. Thy deeds, let sacred justice rule ;
thy heart, let mercy fill ;
And, walking humbly with thy God,
to him resign thy will.

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1. **W**HAT though no flow'rs the fig-tree
clothe

tho' vines their fruit deny ;
The labour of the olive fail,
and fields no meat supply ?

2. Tho' from the fold, with sad surprise,
my flock cut off I see ;

Tho' famine pines in empty stalls
were herds were wont to be ?

3. Yet in the Lord will I be glad,
and glory in his love ;
In him I'll joy, who will the God
of my salvation prove.

4. He to my tardy feet shall lend
the swiftness of the roe ;
Till, rais'd on high, I safely dwell
beyond the reach of woe.