

shall learn some precious lessons, too, regarding the works and ways of love.

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Jesus Restraining Love's Prodigality.

The sisters have prepared a special supper in His honour. Martha, the elder and the recognised head of the family, is an expert in matters pertaining to the table. She has made elaborate preparations for the meal. Many courses have been arranged. Other guests have been invited to meet Jesus. She is anxious that everything shall be well served and that the supper shall be a success from the culinary point of view. Mary has doubtless helped in the preliminary arrangements. But now the meal is in progress; the guests are about the table; the hum of conversation fills the room. Presently, however, the pleasant murmur of promiscuous talk subsides and only one voice breaks the silence of the room. It is the voice of Jesus. His wonderful table-talk has begun to flow. Like spray from a perfumed fountain it gushes from His lips, fragrant, musical, refreshing. It is a time for rapt and reverent listening, for it is known that in moments like this the jewel-