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"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."— Hebrews 13:5

If we can only grasp these words by faith, we have an all-conquering weapon in our hand. What doubt will not be slain by this two-edged sword? What fear is there which shall not fall smitten with a deadly wound before this arrow from the bow of God's covenant?

Will not the distresses of life and the pangs of death; will not the corruptions within, and the snares without; will not the trials from above, and the temptations from beneath, all seem but light afflictions, when we can hide ourselves beneath the bulwark of "He hath said"?

Yes; whether for delight in our quietude, or for strength in our conflict, "He hath said" must be our daily resort. And this may teach us the extreme value of searching the Scriptures. There may be a promise in the Word which would exactly fit your case, but you may not know of it, and therefore you miss its comfort.

You are like prisoners in a dungeon, and there may be one key in the bunch which would unlock the door, and you might be free; but if you will not look for it, you may remain a prisoner still, though liberty is so near at hand.

There may be a potent medicine in the great pharmacopoeia of Scripture, and you may yet continue sick unless you will examine and search the Scriptures to discover what "He hath said."

Should you not, besides reading the Bible, store your memories richly with the promises of God? You can recollect the sayings of great men; you treasure up the verses of renowned poets; ought you not to be profound in your knowledge of the words of God, so that you may be able to quote them readily when you would solve a difficulty, or overthrow a doubt?

Since "He hath said" is the source of all wisdom, and the fountain of all comfort, let it dwell in you richly, as "A well of water, springing up unto everlasting life." So shall you grow healthy, strong, and happy in the divine life.

《Evening by Evening》 Feb 21

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"And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?"— Acts 8:30

We should be abler teachers of others, and less liable to be carried about by every wind of doctrine, if we sought to have a more intelligent understanding of the Word of God.

As the Holy Ghost, the Author of the Scriptures is he who alone can enlighten us rightly to understand them, we should constantly ask his teaching, and his guidance into all truth.

When the prophet Daniel would interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream, what did he do? He set himself to earnest prayer that God would open up the vision.

The apostle John, in his vision at Patmos, saw a book sealed with seven seals which none was found worthy to open, or so much as to look upon. The book was afterwards opened by the Lion of the tribe of Judah, who had prevailed to open it; but it is written first—"I wept much."

The tears of John, which were his liquid prayers, were, so far as he was concerned, the sacred keys by which the folded book was opened.

Therefore, if, for your own and others' profiting, you desire to be "filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding," remember that prayer is your best means of study: like Daniel, you shall understand the dream, and the interpretation thereof, when you have sought unto God; and like John you shall see the seven seals of precious truth unloosed, after you have wept much.

Stones are not broken, except by an earnest use of the hammer; and the stonebreaker must go down on his knees. Use the hammer of diligence, and let the knee of prayer be exercised, and there is not a stony doctrine in revelation which is useful for you to understand, which will not fly into shivers under the exercise of prayer and faith.

You may force your way through anything with the leverage of prayer. Thoughts and reasonings are like the steel wedges which give a hold upon truth; but prayer is the lever, the prise which forces open the iron chest of sacred mystery, that we may get the treasure hidden within.

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HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CARRIED AWAY FOR HIM?

She hath wrought a good work on Me. — Mark 14:6

If human love does not carry a man beyond himself, it is not love. If love is always discreet, always wise, always sensible and calculating, never carried beyond itself, it is not love at all. It may be affection, it may be warmth of feeling, but it has not the true nature of love in it.

Have I ever been carried away to do something for God not because it was my duty, nor because it was useful, nor because there was anything in it at all beyond the fact that I love Him? Have I ever realized that I can bring to God things which are of value to Him, or am I mooning round the magnitude of His Redemption whilst there are any number of things I might be doing? Not Divine, colossal things which could be recorded as marvellous, but ordinary, simple human things which will give evidence to God that I am abandoned to Him? Have I ever produced in the heart of the Lord Jesus what Mary of Bethany produced?

There are times when it seems as if God watches to see if we will give Him the abandoned tokens of how genuinely we do love Him. Abandon to God is of more value than personal holiness. Personal holiness focuses the eye on our own whiteness; we are greatly concerned about the way we walk and talk and look, fearful lest we offend Him. Perfect love casts out all that when once we are abandoned to God. We have to get rid of this notion – "Am I of any use?" and make up our minds that we are not, and we may be near the truth. It is never a question of being of use, but of being of value to God Himself. When we are abandoned to God, He works through us all the time

《Faith's check book》 Feb 21

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Blessing on Littleness

He will bless his loyal followers, both young and old. — Ps 115:13

This is a word of cheer to those who are of humble station and mean estate. Our God has a very gracious consideration for those of small property, small talent, small influence, small weight. God careth for the small things in creation and even regards sparrows in their lighting upon the ground. Nothing is small to God, for He makes use of insignificant agents for the accomplishment of His purposes. Let the least among men seek of God a blessing upon his littleness, and he shall find his contracted sphere to be a happy one.

Among those who fear the Lord there are little and great. Some are babes, and others are giants. But these are all blessed. Little faith is blessed faith. Trembling hope is blessed hope. Every grace of the Holy Spirit, even though it be only in the bud, bears a blessing within it. Moreover, the Lord Jesus bought both the small and the great with the same precious blood, and He has engaged to preserve the lambs as well as the full-grown sheep. No mother overlooks her child because it is little; nay, the smaller it is, the more tenderly does she nurse it. If there be any preference with the Lord, He does not arrange them as "great and small" but as "small and great."

《Believer's Daily Treasure》 Feb 21

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Spiritual-Mindedness

For those who live according to the flesh have their outlook shaped by the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit have their outlook shaped by the things of the Spirit. — Rom 8:5

Let worldly minds the world pursue, It has no charms for me; Once I admired its trifles too, But grace has set me free.

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Wait With Patience

Wait patiently for the Lord! Wait confidently for him! Do not fret over the apparent success of a sinner, a man who carries out wicked schemes!—Ps 37:7

Have you prayed and prayed and waited and waited, and still there is no manifestation?

Are you tired of seeing nothing move? Are you just at the point of giving it all up? Perhaps you have not waited in the right way? This would take you out of the right place the place where He can meet you.

"With patience wait" (Rom. 8:25). Patience takes away worry. He said He would come, and His promise is equal to His presence. Patience takes away your weeping. Why feel sad and despondent? He knows your need better than you do, and His purpose in waiting is to bring more glory out of it all. Patience takes away self-works. The work He desires is that you "believe" (John 6:29), and when you believe, you may then know that all is well. Patience takes away all want. Your desire for the thing you wish is perhaps stronger than your desire for the will of God to be fulfilled in its arrival.

Patience takes away all weakening. Instead of having the delaying time, a time of letting go, know that God is getting a larger supply ready and must get you ready too. Patience takes away all wobbling. "Make me stand upon my standing" (Daniel 8:18, margin). God's foundations are steady; and when His patience is within, we are steady while we wait. Patience gives worship. A praiseful patience sometimes "long-suffering with joyfulness" (Col. 1:11) is the best part of it all. "Let (all these phases of) patience have her perfect work" (James 1:4), while you wait, and you will find great enrichment. —C. H. P.

Hold steady when the fires burn, When inner lessons come to learn, And from this path there seems no turn "Let patience have her perfect work." —L.S.P.

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Then your light will shine like the sunrise; your restoration will quickly arrive; your godly behavior will go before you, and the Lord's splendor will be your rear guard. — Isa 58:8

Prune thou thy words, the thoughts control That o'er thee swell and throng; They will condense within thy soul, And change to purpose strong. — John H. Newman.

Think truly, and thy thoughts Shall the world's famine feed; Speak truly, and each word of thine Shall be a fruitful seed; Live truly, and thy life shall be A great and noble creed. — Horatio Bonar. We ought to love everybody and make everybody love us. Then everything else is easy.

— Alice Freeman Palmer.

Prayer

Almighty God, look upon me with pity; so often I have obeyed the thoughts that have been misleading and profitless. Make me more careful of what I think and say, and may I learn from my mistakes the forbidden paths. Help me to keep my mind in unity with thy will. Amen.

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清晨甘露》二月二十一日

主曾说.....(来 13:5)

若我们能用信抓住这三个字的意思,那末我们手中就有了一把所向无敌的利器 了。哪有一种疑惑不被这一把两刃的利剑斩得干干净净呢?哪有一种惧怕不被神 约的弓上所发出的箭射落在地呢?当我们隐藏在"主曾说"的堡垒之下,一切生的 苦、死的悲,里面的败坏、外面的陷阱,上面的试炼、下面的试探,不都成了至 暂至轻的苦楚了吗?是的,无论为平时的快乐,或是战时的力量,我们都要依靠 "主曾说"。这也叫我们知道查经的最大价值。或许在神的话中有一个应许正合你的 需要,但也或许你不知道,因此你就失去了它的安慰。你像牢狱中的一个囚犯一 样,或许就在一串钥匙当中有一把钥匙可以把铁门打开,你便可以恢复自由,但 你若不去找它,虽然自由就在眼前,可是你仍然被囚在那里。圣书之中或许有一 种特效药,可是你若不找不查圣书里"主曾说"的是什么,你便仍然卧病不起?你不 应当在读圣经之外,再把神的应许丰丰富富地储藏在心中吗?你能记住名士伟人 的金玉良言,你会背诵骚人墨客的绝妙好词,你不应当多知道神的话,好在你解 决困难或是去掉疑惑时能随意引用吗?因为"主曾说"是一切智慧的来源,是安慰的 泉源,是灵命的食粮,是生活的力量,所以要使它丰丰富富地住在你的心中,能 像"活水的泉源,直涌到永生",那末你属灵的生活必然日渐康健、强壮而快乐。

《静夜亮光》二月二十一日

经文:你所念的,你明白么?(使徒行传八:30)

我们若能在明白上帝的话语上更有智慧,就能成为更好的教师,而减少受教义之 空谈而摇摆不定。圣灵是圣经的著作者,唯有祂能启迪我们正确地明白圣经。因 此,我们必须不断求祂教导并引导我们进入全部真理。当先知但以理答应为尼布 甲尼撒解梦时,他迫切求上帝将异象解明(参阅但二:16~23)。使徒约翰在拔 摩岛的异象中见到用七印封严的书卷,没有人配展开那书卷。后来,那书卷被犹 大支派中的狮子展开了。但是在展开以前,经上记着"我就大哭"(启四:4)。约 翰的眼泪是液态的祈祷。这些祈祷是开启那印封了的书卷之神圣钥匙。倘若为了 你自己的和别人的好处,你渴望"在一切属灵的智慧和悟性上,满心知道上帝的旨 意"(西一:9),请牢记,祷告是最好的方法。你在寻求上帝的时候,就会像但 以理一样明白异梦与异梦的解说。在泪如雨下以后,你也会像约翰一样看到被七 印封了的宝贵真理被打开了。石头不会破碎,除非你用铁锤不懈地敲击,用锤子 粉碎石头的人必须屈膝跪下。操练自己使用勤勉的锤子和屈膝之祈祷。思想与理 解像是紧抓住真理的钢铁楔子,但是祷告是强力打开神圣奥秘铁箱之杠杆,我们 也因此可以获得其中隐藏的宝物。

Evening, February 21

Scripture: "Understandest thou what thou readest?" (Acts 8:30)

We should be abler teachers of others, and less liable to be carried about by every wind of doctrine, if we sought to have a more intelligent understanding of the Word of God. As the Holy Ghost, the Author of the Scriptures is he who alone can enlighten us rightly to understand them, we should constantly ask his teaching, and his guidance into all truth. When the prophet Daniel would interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream, what did he do? He set himself to earnest prayer that God would open up the vision. The apostle John, in his vision at Patmos, saw a book sealed with seven seals which none was found worthy to open, or so much as to look upon. The book was afterwards opened by the Lion of the tribe of Judah, who had prevailed to open it; but it is written first—"I wept much." The tears of John, which were his liquid prayers, were, so far as he was concerned, the sacred keys by which the folded book was opened. Therefore, if, for your own and others' profiting, you desire to be "filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding," remember that prayer is your best means of study: like Daniel, you shall understand the dream, and the interpretation thereof, when you have sought unto God; and like John you shall see the seven seals of precious truth unloosed, after you have wept much. Stones are not broken, except by an earnest use of the hammer; and the stonebreaker must go down on his knees. Use the hammer of diligence, and let the knee of prayer be exercised, and there is not a stony doctrine in revelation which is useful for you to understand, which will not fly into shivers under the exercise of prayer and faith. You may force your way through anything with the leverage of prayer. Thoughts and reasonings are like the steel wedges which give a hold upon truth; but prayer is the lever, the prise which forces open the iron chest of sacred mystery, that we may get the treasure hidden within.

《竭诚为主》2月21日你曾否为他忘形?

《竭诚为主》 2 月 21 日

你曾否为他忘形?

她在我身上作的是一件美事。(可十四 6)

爱若不能叫人忘形,就不是爱。爱若是拘谨、明智、合理、计较、从不会忘形 的,那根本不是爱。

我曾否为神成就一事而虚己忘形,不是因为责任,不是因著有用,也不是因著任 何缘故,而单单因为我爱他?我有没有奉上他所看为珍贵的东西?还是我在他伟 大的救恩里游手好閒,不去做周围无数正等著我去做的事?不一定是大事,才称 为美妙的,日常的、平凡的俗务,都可以见证我向神的顺服。我曾否使主喜悦, 正如伯大尼马利亚所做的?

有时神似乎在观察,看我们愿不愿意把真爱毫不保留地表现出来。完全归神,比 个人的圣洁更有价值。个人的圣洁使我们只注视本身的洁白,叫我们十分谨慎自 己的言行举止,唯恐得罪了神。若我们无保留地归神,完全的爱情就能把这些一 概抛开。要除掉这个念头:[我有没有用?]要深信自己无用,这才更接近真相。因 为那根本不是有用与否的问题,而在神是否看为宝贵。我们若全然归神,他每时 每刻都藉著我们作工。

祈祷◆噢, 主啊, 愿我愈来愈渴望将爱心如衣服般穿上, 以致当我与人接触, 他 便成为人最恒久认出的东西。

《信心的支票簿》02月21日

主赐福卑微者

经文: "**凡敬畏耶和**华的,无论大小,主必赐福给他。"(诗篇一一五:13)

这是对那些卑微渺小、位低言微者的一帖振奋剂,上帝对那些贫寒者,无才华 者,无显赫地位者,总是特别眷顾;所以祂连一只小麻雀落地,祂都在意,因为 没有任何事在上帝眼中是微不足道的。祂能化腐朽为神奇,即使是最不起眼的小 弟兄,只要他有一颗寻求上帝的心,他的软弱必转为刚强,也必蒙福而成为一个 快乐的人。

那些敬畏上帝的人中,有巨人,也有小孩,有伟大的,也有渺小的,但他们都是 被祝福的。战战兢兢相信的,或是信心微小如芝麻的,都有圣灵的恩典与祝福在 其中。**并且,上帝**对他们一视同仁,祂宝血的功效,对他们都是一样的。祂看顾 大羊,更眷顾小羊羔;没有一个母亲会因婴儿太小而忽略它,越是小,母亲越是 宝贝乳养它。若上帝也会偏心的话,祂会爱小羊胜于大羊的。

《活水》二月二十一日

二月二十一日

信徒生活枯燥,心中烦闷,是因为他与爱的泉源未接通,如果我们与主的爱流接通,生活永远不会枯燥的,时时刻刻都充满著平安与喜乐。爱是叫人最舒适的情绪,无论施爱、受爱,都是一件极快乐的事,若是爱与爱起了交流,更是有说不出的甜美。我们与主相爱,不但可以心中喜乐,生命活泼;并且因著与主相交, 而进到完全的地步。

人与人相爱相交,两个人都要改变,彼此交换,彼此模仿,有无相通,经验 交流,这是朋友精神上的往来。我们与主相交相爱,就渐渐变成主的形状,满有 基督的样式。主有圣洁的能力,我们不能加添主甚么,但主的丰富却在我们里面 天天加增,主的灵天天充满,叫我们满有属天的形状和属天的生活。

我们不可滥交,滥交是败坏善行,但有一位朋友,我们的主耶稣,可不能不 交。主虽然是万王之王,万主之主,祂很欢喜与我们相交,祂不嫌我们贫穷、软 弱、污秽、羞辱。我们若与祂相交,我们就因祂的富有不再贫穷,因祂的**能力不** 再软弱,因祂的圣洁不再污秽,因祂的荣耀不再羞辱。我们为何还不来与主相 爱、相交呢?祂等候我们到祂面前来。与主相交和与人相交不同,与人相交,礼 尚往来;与主相交,没有损失衹有得著。所失掉的就是罪恶、污秽、贫穷、软 弱。

「我们乃是与父并祂儿子耶稣基督相交的。」「我们若在光明中行,如同神 在光明中,就彼此相交,祂儿子耶稣的血也洗净我们一切的罪。」(约壹一3、 7)

《荒漠甘泉》2月21日

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"你当默然依靠耶和华,耐性等候他。"(诗篇三十七篇7节)

你有没有祷告了又祷告,等候了又等候,而仍旧没有效果呢?

你看见没有效果,觉得厌倦么?你正想放弃么?你或许要想你等候错了。如 果你这样想,就会叫你离开正路——离开神所能遇见你的地方了。

"忍耐等候。"(罗马书八章二十五节)。忍耐能挪去愁烦。若是主所他要来, 他的应许就等于他的同在。忍耐也能擦去你的眼泪。为什么难过沮丧呢?他比你 自己更加知道你的需要,他等候的目的,乃是要使你得到更荣耀,更丰富的祝 福。忍耐也能挪去自己的工作。主所要求**的工作乃是"信。"**(约翰福音六章二十九 节)。当你相信的时候,你就会知道一切都已经成功了。忍耐也能挪去一切的 欲,你切望得到你所要的欲,也许远胜过完成神的旨意。

忍耐也能挪去一切的软弱。忍耐不是懒惰,也不是虚度光阴。你既知道神在 预备更荣耀,更丰富的祝福给你,你自己也必须预备去接受。忍耐也能挪去一切 的飘摇无定,"**扶我站起来。"(但以理**书八章十八节)。神的根基是顶稳固的;我 们有他的忍耐在里面,我们等候的时侯也稳固了。忍耐有赞美和快乐。赞美的忍 耐——"欢欢喜喜的忍耐。"(歌罗西书一章十一节)——是最美丽的忍耐。"但愿 忍耐成功。"(雅各书一章四节直译),叫我们在等候中得到神丰富的恩典。