



Wartburg Castle



Martin Luther
1483-1586



Our King

O Saviour, precious Saviour,
Whom yet unseen we love,
O Name of might and favour,
All other names above!
We worship Thee, we bless Thee
To Thee alone we sing
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our holy Lord and King

In Thee all fulness dwelleth,
All grace and power divine,
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine!
We worship Thee, we bless Thee
To Thee alone we sing,
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our glorious Lord and King

-- Frances Ridley Havergal

PSALM 55:19b Because they have no changes,
therefore they fear not God.

MATTHEW 9:17 Neither do men put new wine into
old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine
runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new
wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

MARK 7:9 And He said unto them, Full well ye
reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep
your own tradition.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 But we all, with open face
beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are
changed into the same image from glory to glory,
even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Martin Luther:

It's a revolution!! It always was and will always be. I haven't stopped trying to turn things on their head, upside down which is really right side up again, and turn things right side around if they are backwards.

It's a revolution!! Don't forget it.

I never could go along with things that were clearly against the scriptures. The reason things have to keep being changed and revoluted in sometimes dramatic ways is because people like to settle down too soon, when the job or the mission isn't completed. Then it takes God sending people like me, who are willing to be humiliated, risk their life, and do something to remind people of the truth.

If people were willing to change a little bit every day, change to keep in step with God and the way He is moving, it wouldn't be such a pull and uprooting like it often has to be.

If people can hear from God every day, or at least really read the scriptures with an open mind for God to show them things and ask for His Spirit to teach them what it means for them, then all would keep in step and wouldn't get off track.

But the carnal way of man is to get things all settled and make themselves famous. If people were more concerned about doing the uncomfortable things that brought God more into their's and other's lives—and the things that only glorified the Lord, then things wouldn't have to have these big changes that have caused so much of a stir and conflict and revolution.

But where the spirit of the Lord is there will always be change, for people need it to stay alive and growing in spirit. When they get settled down and think they have learned all they should or want to learn, that's when they get off track, because God has moved on past that lesson.

It's like if a child liked a certain classroom in the big school and then decided for the rest of his life he would only like to attend that room—what would he be missing? There are other grades and so much else outside also to learn.

So when some revival starts out getting people turned to the Lord, but then the followers think that it wasn't just a grade, just something that needed to be learned, but a station to stay at, then they miss learning the next things that God had for them. That's when these movements get off track.

Maybe a certain person was used of God and they have led many others to him. But they aren't a mould form for others to copy and stay that way for the next several hundred years. They aren't to be a station for people to stay at—but a train to get people going.

You can learn from the person and the movement, what they brought to the world, if they were God ordained. But then find out fresh from God what you are to do in your part of the world, and how you can promote the truth of God's Word. Don't stay stuck in an idea and place. Move on, live on, teach on, and go on.

So, are you doing today what God wishes for you to do? Are you heeding the scriptures and finding out fresh what they mean for you? They mean something new to each person on Earth depending on the position of their heart and the lessons they are meant to learn. And something in them—a lot of somethings in them—can be right for anyone at any point in world history.

Are you to all build tabernacles just like Moses? Or in stead a temple like Solomon? Or are you to only eat locust and honey like John the Baptist? Or all die for the world on a cross like Jesus? Even if others did have to die that way, they weren't doing it for the salvation of the world. But you can learn from each part of the Bible and let God show you what you are to do for the now.

That's what you can learn over all from the whole story of the Bible from Creation to Revelation—do what God shows you to do; not doing exactly what they did, but doing exactly what God shows you to do, in the way He tells you to do it.

If people could only realise the other main thing that the Bible shows and that is that God still speaks to all—He talked to them then, and expected obedience; He talks to men and woman today and expects obedience, all with the same goal to “preach the Gospel” the truth of God, whatever people living where you are need to hear.

Some areas need more the Endtime message and truth; others need the basic salvation story; others need to learn how to get out and teach others about Jesus; others need to learn how to hear from God and get their faith strengthened.

Even if someone only just heard about Jesus, well there they have a knowledge that others don't have, and they can teach even that little bit of truth that they know. Then when they learn more

and study more and listen to God more, then they have more riches and treasures that they can share. Teach others to teach others.

Okay, so you want to know more about how it was like.

One night I remember being home with my family and my many children. There was an eerie air, like something wasn't right. I feared my life or others' was in danger. I couldn't see around the house and didn't want to go looking around anyway. I knew, most likely, that it wasn't just a physical danger, but a paralyzing fear that was trying to get my mind off the Lord and what He had for me to do.

I prayed with all my heart against the trouble, whatever it was, and sent it running with the power of God. Then just like that I felt a peace and tranquillity come over me, a light seemed to glow for a moment, and I knew we were being watched over by powers much stronger than any that would try to hinder and bring a stop to our work.

So no matter what tries to overtake you—real or imagined, or real but unseen, remember, nothing can stop you as you call on Heaven to fight for you. There is no match for the great God of all. He has the power to utterly stop, and for good, each and every single thing on earth and in the heavens, in the universe and in all dimensions. Are you on His team? Good. Wise move. Are you doing what He wants you to do? I hope so, because then you have the back up of Heaven to work with you and bring you and your loved ones through to victory.

Let's pray.

"Let none of these things move them, Lord. These are your children, called by your name and You have promised to provide and take care of them. Let them not ever give into fear of man or fear of bullies or fear of the unseen world that fights against God's plan.

"Let these children see more and mighty miracles in their life-time that proves to them and to others how great You are and gives them a platform or reason to tell others of Your greatness. Rebuke fear of all kinds, especially the paralysing kind that makes people too afraid to do what is right, because they are afraid of others words, actions, and losing the approval of the mostly ungodly masses.

"Help them Lord to remember that with God they are a fierce majority and that there is nothing that can stop them. Help them to use the power of heaven to face down any foe, and to find Your strength is made perfect in their weakness. We all are weak—especially those that trust only in their own might, because they haven't learned to use and depend on the power of Heaven.

"Fight for them and shield them from those that would try to hinder their full usefulness for You. Help them not to be content to just do a little here and there, something remotely useful for God's plans and kingdom, to not settle for anything less than the best in their lives. To want You to shine big and brightly through them to be a light to show others the way to Heaven. When it's their time to shine, then help them to not let anything obstruct their light—no "helping hands" of others who aren't really that helpful, and no pride, God forbid and banish it in all its ways and machinations. Banish it to the lowest parts of the universe, and let them be as lights unhindered in Your hand, dear Lord, as a lantern to shine brilliantly and powerfully."

Okay, I'm routing for you, cheering for you, and am excited to see the victories you will win. We're going to have a great big party, you know, up here? You won't be disappointed in the elaborate festivals that those who gave their all will get to participate to the full. Don't disappoint Your Lord and King who is counting on you. He loves you and needs you too. You are not just one in the masses, but specially called out and chosen ones, getting high-tech training to do something awesome.

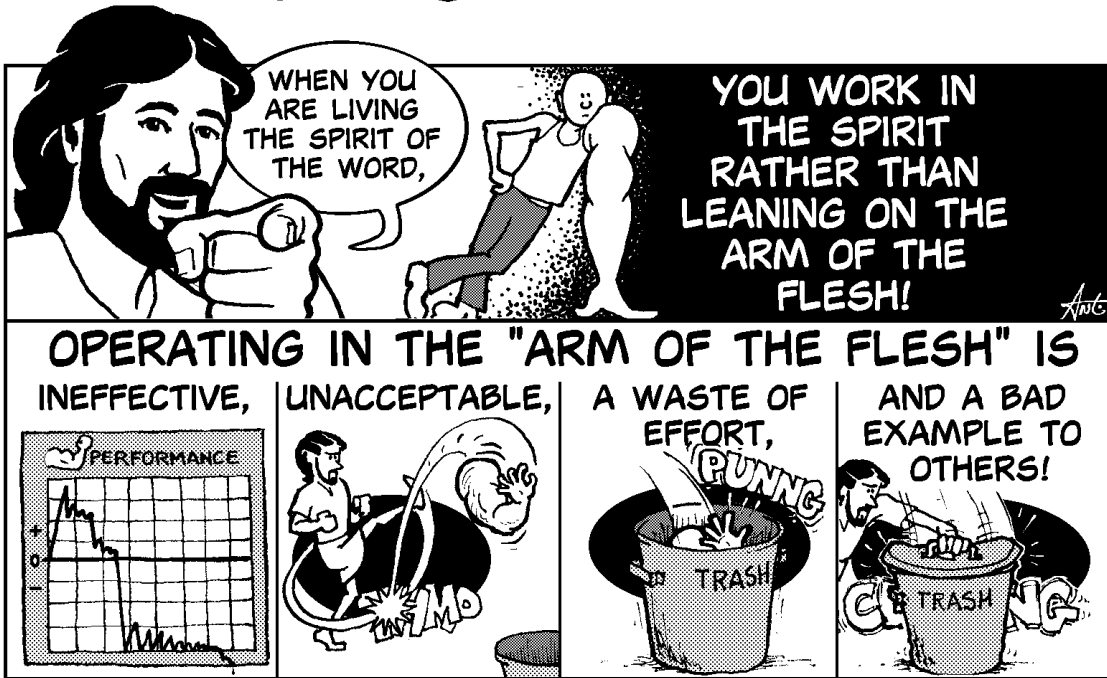
Just what it is, or all the things it will be, will be shown and lived out in time.

Keep the faith and keep fighting for the truth of God's Word—by starting today to hide more of the memorised Word in your heart. It's what will keep you afloat in the sea of tribulation that this world is enduring. It's like putting on a life vest. You need it, because it's going to get stormy. But we're watching over you and cheering for you.

If you have the skills you will be part of the rescue team, not just the troubled and floating, or worse yet sinking masses. You will be pulling people on to life boats and gaining medals of honour for your bravery.

Keep the faith. We love you!

between
Heaven & Cell



PRAISE

Oh, how I want to spend time with You, Jesus, in Your presence, in Your heavenly hall, my great King. Thank You for showing us that the way to enter the gates to Your courts is by ringing the bells, the heavenly chimes, with our praises. When I thank You for Your goodness, for Your love, for all You do, it starts the heavenly doorbells ringing.

The more I thank You, the more they peal out in beautiful chimes, letting the keepers know that someone is at the door of Your heavenly gates, calling to be let in. These heavenly praises allow us entrance. By praising You I am ushered into Your courts. Praising gives the password that lets us enter Your majestic halls where we come in closer to You. Through praise we can enter Your courts of joy.

From Jesus With Love

I remember when I formed you. With great care and special attention I handpicked each talent, each gift, each characteristic, each fibre of your being, until the combination was exactly the right portion--each specification perfectly in sync to accomplish My will and My purpose in your life, and in the lives of all those you were to touch on the great journey of life.

I remember the moment when I breathed into you the very breath of life. The love welled up so intensely inside of Me, I could not contain it! For I knew the joy you would bring, not only to Me, but to those who would cross your path along the road of life.

I love you from everlasting to everlasting, and in you I am well pleased.

Master's Arts

God's Word—Faith in God

The Master says:

“My Word is Me. When you read My Word or hear Me speaking right to your heart, it's Me there with you. Don't ever think it's just words on a page, or your own thoughts. I want to teach you and guide you, and get you out of troublesome places. Use My Word as a way to stay free from the enemy's snares. It will build a fortification around you, a shield, and empower you to do the will of your Lord and Master. I don't just tell you what to do, but My Word, while speaking to you, gives you the spiritual empowerment to carry out that task.”

LAMIBITS

(Lessons, anecdotes, messages, Bible-based beliefs, inspirational talks, and sayings.)

The influence, actually, of one dynamic leader seems rarely to carry beyond the second generation of his followers, and the repercussions of his ministry seem only to carry about two or three generations of its own momentum, and then ... [God] has to call out a New Church! That's why His people are always the "Ecclesia". [The 'called out' ones.]

Luther wasn't even dead before his followers began to form a new system or church, which eventually became almost as dead and corrupt as the old one!

It's been sort of an inevitable cycle of history that this is the way governments and denominations and movements of various kinds all revolve! They're born in the white-heat of the fires of inspiration and of the desire for change, and, led by an anointed leader, they fight and die for the Cause until they gain enough followers to "come out from among them and be separate and touch not the unclean thing, and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness"--and a new "Ecclesia" has been formed--the new "called-out ones", the new church, the new dropouts!

So each time, in order to preserve His Church and his children and the truth and its freedom, God has to call out a new man with some new motive, to make some new move to form a new movement of dropouts from the once new System grown old and corrupt, stagnated, contaminated, and frozen together in formality, inflexible, unbendable, unchangeable old bottles that can only be broken to give birth to the new--just a fragile, empty eggshell which cannot contain the volatile life within.

Like the early "Ecclesia", the "Called Out", the Early Church, we too, have dropped out and started anew--a new life, a new way, but the oldest of all ways--God's Way! "No other foundation can any man lay than this!" We are just getting back to the Foundation--clearing away the old rubble to build anew! As the humourist and playwright George Bernard Shaw said, "There is nothing wrong with Christianity--just so few have ever tried it!" What he meant was he couldn't see many people living it--not even the so called Christians, or the Church!

So first of all, we must build on the right foundation--the man Christ Jesus--the Corner stone! Second, we must build the building He wants! "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me!"--A building of young and living stones, made alive by His spirit, founded on His Truth, and melted together in His Love! Let's use the best Church he ever created as our pattern! Let's use the Early Church in the Book of Acts as our blueprint! Here was the ideal! --Pastor David

Inspiring True Stories from History: Timely Supplies

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:19)

As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. (2 Corinthians 6:10)

(From: "A Retrospect" by James Hudson Taylor, written late 1800s-early 1900's)

November 18th, 1857, James Hudson Taylor penned: "Many seem to think that I am very poor. This certainly is true enough in one sense, but I thank GOD it is "as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things." (2 Corinthians 6:10) And my GOD shall supply **all** my need; to Him be all the glory. I would not, if I could, be otherwise than I am--entirely dependent myself upon the LORD, and used as a channel of help to others."

On Saturday, our regular home mail arrived. That morning we supplied, as usual, a breakfast to the destitute poor, who came to the number of seventy. Sometimes they do not reach forty, at others again exceeding eighty. They come to us every day, LORD'S Day excepted, for then we cannot manage to attend to them and get through all our other duties too. Well, on that Saturday morning we paid all expenses, and provided ourselves for the morrow, after which we had not a single dollar left between us.

How the LORD was going to provide for Monday we knew not; but over our mantelpiece hung two scrolls in the Chinese character--Ebenezer, "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12); and Jehovah-Jireh, "The LORD will provide" (Genesis 22:8,14)--and He kept us from doubting for a moment.

That very day the mail came in, a week sooner than was expected, and Mr. Jones received a bill for two hundred and fourteen dollars. We thanked GOD and took courage. The bill was taken to a merchant, and although there is usually a delay of several days in getting the change, this time he said, "Send down on Monday." We sent, and though he had not been able to buy all the dollars, he let us have seventy on account; so all was well. Oh, it is sweet to live thus directly dependent upon the LORD, who never fails us!

On Monday the poor had their breakfast as usual, for we had not told them not to come, being assured that it was the LORD'S work, and that the LORD would provide. We could not help our eyes filling with tears of gratitude when we saw not only our own needs supplied, but the widow and the orphan, the blind and the lame, the friendless and the destitute, together provided for by the bounty of Him who feeds the ravens. "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name together. . . . Taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that

trusteth in Him. O fear the LORD, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing"--and if not good, why want it?

But even two hundred dollars cannot last for ever, and by New Year's Day supplies were again getting low. At last, on January 6th, 1858, only one solitary cash remained--the twentieth part of a penny--in the joint possession of Mr. Jones and myself; but though tried we looked to GOD once again to manifest His gracious care. Enough provision was found in the house to supply a meagre breakfast; after which, having neither food for the rest of the day, nor money to buy any, we could only betake ourselves to Him who was able to supply all our need with the petition, "Give us this day our daily bread."

After prayer and deliberation we thought that perhaps we ought to dispose of something we possessed in order to meet our immediate requirements. But on looking round we saw nothing that we could well spare, and little that the Chinese would purchase for ready money. Credit* to any extent we might have had, could we conscientiously have availed ourselves of it, but this we felt to be unscriptural in itself, as well as inconsistent with the position we were in. (*Borrowing money—Romans 13:8)

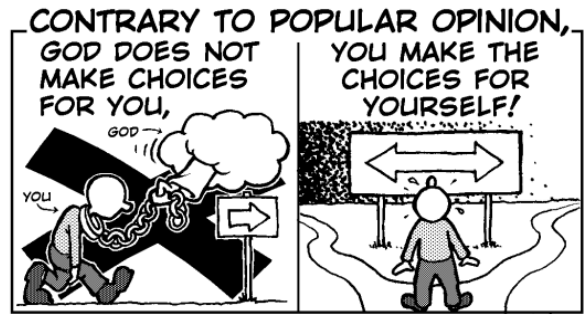
We had, indeed, one article--an iron stove--which we knew the Chinese would readily purchase; but we much regretted the necessity of parting with it. At length, however, we set out to the founder's, and after a walk of some distance came to the river, which we had intended to cross by a floating bridge of boats; but here the LORD shut up our path. The bridge had been carried away during the preceding night, and the river was only passable by means of a ferry, the fare for which was two cash each person. As we only possessed one cash, our course clearly was to return and await GOD'S own interposition on our behalf.

Upon reaching home, we found that Mrs. Jones had gone with the children to dine at a friend's house, in accordance with an invitation accepted some days previously. Mr. Jones, though himself included in the invitation, refused now to go and leave me to fast alone. So we set to work and carefully searched the cupboards; and though there was nothing to eat, we found a small packet of cocoa, which, with a little hot water, somewhat revived us. After this we again cried to the LORD in our trouble, and the LORD heard and saved us out of all our distresses. For while we were still upon our knees a letter arrived from England containing a remittance*. (*Sending of money by mail.)

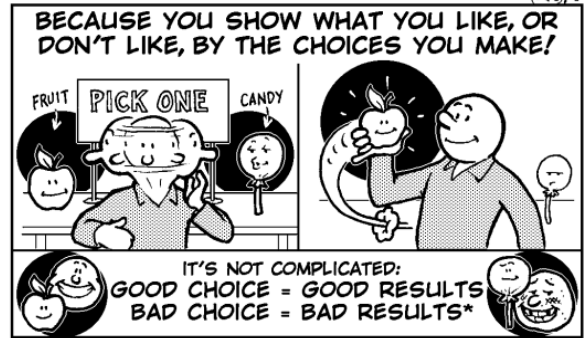
This timely supply not only met the immediate and urgent need of the day; for in the assured confidence that GOD, whose we were and whom we served, would not put to shame those whose whole and only trust was in Himself. My marriage had been previously arranged to take place just fourteen days after this date. And this expectation was not disappointed; for "the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed." And although during subsequent years our faith was often exercised, and sometimes severely, He ever proved faithful to His promise, and never suffered us to lack any good thing.



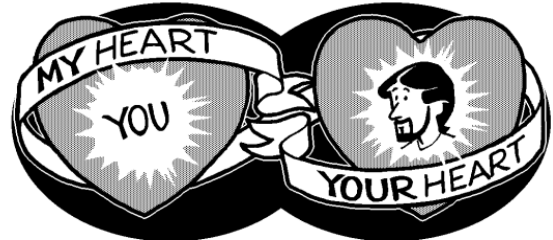
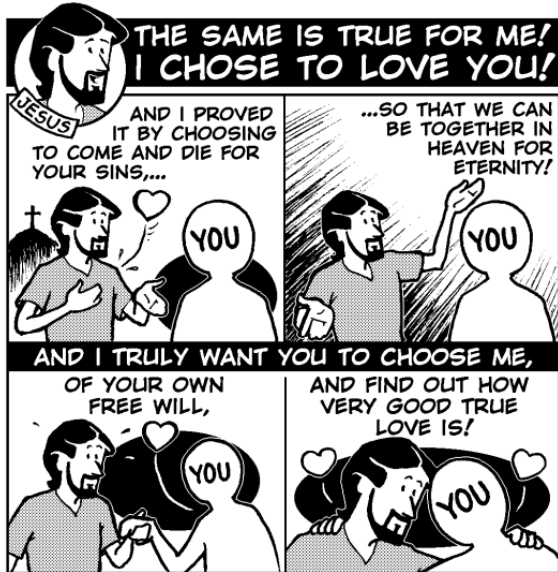
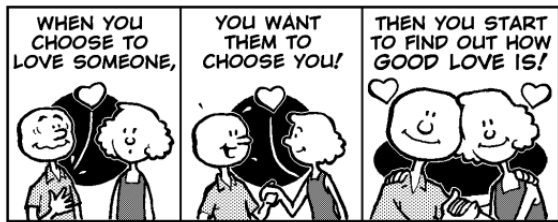
YOUR NEXT CHOICE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



GOD GAVE MAN THE MAJESTY OF FREE CHOICE. WHY?



FREE CHOICE IS HOW YOU SHOW YOUR LOVE!



NOW THAT I HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT MY LOVE FOR YOU, AND HOW I'VE SHOWN IT FOR YOU, I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT.

YOU CAN EASILY DO THAT BY SIMPLY SAYING SO, AND MEANING IT IN YOUR HEART. LIKE THIS:

"JESUS, THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME SO MUCH THAT YOU CHOSE TO COME AND DIE FOR ME SO THAT WE CAN BE TOGETHER IN HEAVEN FOR ETERNITY! I CHOOSE YOU, AND A LIFE FILLED WITH TRUE LOVE! THANK YOU!"

IF YOU SAID THAT AND MEANT IT, THEN YOU AND I WILL NOW START A NEW LIFE OF LOVE TOGETHER! AND I PROMISE YOU THAT YOU WILL FIND OUT HOW TRULY GOOD LOVE CAN BE! --IT HAS BEGUN NOW, IN THIS LIFE, AND IN HEAVEN THERE WILL BE NO END!

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Thoughts and True Stories

"Every great movement in the annals of history," said Emerson, "is the triumph of enthusiasm."

It is derived, that magic name, from two Greek words: "en" meaning "in" & "theos" meaning "God." Enthusiasm is literally "God in us." The enthusiastic man is one who speaks as if he were possessed by God.

There is the true story of Madame Modjeska, the Polish Tragedienne, who was a guest at an evening party. The admiring company pressed her for a recitation from some play. She at first declined on the ground that memory might not serve her without the accustomed stage settings, lights, etc. However, the guests insisted so insistently that she finally acquiesced, announcing she would recite in her native tongue. Her hearers sat listening to her, spellbound. Some who were there were even moved to tears. When she finished she was asked the name of the touching story she had related.

She smiled & said, "I counted in Polish to one hundred."

Anecdotes from Dwight L. Moody

A man in New England said while his money lasted he had friends, but when he was ruined and in prison he found out who his real friends were. Not one of his old friends came near him, but the Christian people came and spoke to him words of kindness and comfort, and it was then he made the discovery who his true friends were. So this young prodigal didn't get his eyes open till his money was all gone. No one in that foreign country loved him then, no one in that land cared for him; but away off over those green hills there was one who loved him still. It was his father, and that father received him back.

While I was at a convention in Illinois an old man past 70 years, got up, and said he remembered but one thing about his father, and that one thing followed him all through life. He could not remember his death, he had no recollection of his funeral, but he recollected his father one winter night, taking a little chip, and with his pocket knife whittling out a little cross, and with the tears in his eyes he held up that cross telling how God in His infinite love sent His Son down here to redeem us, how He had died on the cross for us. The story of the cross followed him through life.

Stories from: Remarkable Answers to Prayer (Compiled by S.B. Shaw)

Mrs. Mary Grant Cramer, related the following:

"Recently a saintly woman, who has consecrated all she has to the Lord, and who lives by faith, giving her services gratuitously to His cause, felt that after the fatiguing labours of the summer, a change would be beneficial to her; she kept this to herself. Soon after a lady sent for her to call upon her, her object being to inform Miss M. that she felt impressed that she ought to go away from home for awhile, and gave her fifty dollars. One day a co-worker of this good sister, told me that she asked a token of the Lord in money, and the same day she found it in an envelope in the table, directed to her, from one who had never before made her a present, and who at first intended this sum for someone else.

"I am acquainted with a minister in New York city, who gave up his church and a salary of five thousand a year, to establish a church where he could reach the masses, he met with much opposition, but has met also with great success in his work. He said that on various occasions he felt it his duty to give all he had away, and before he could reach his home it would be replaced fourfold.

"Truly they who trust the Lord shall not want."

