*The Keeping Power of God*

**And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:28. {UL 42.1}**

**Jesus appreciates the efforts of every tried and tempted soul.** Please take in the precious words of invitation that have been spoken to you by Jesus. **Christ alone can place a proper estimate upon the human soul.** Those who strive for the crown of immortal life will find that the forces of Satan are arrayed against them, but remember that we are “kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:5). We are living in the last time, and **Satan is now working with masterly power in order that with subtle temptations he may overcome those who believe in Jesus.** But we are to be “kept by the power of God”; therefore, in temptation give glory to God who is able and will keep the believing soul so that he shall not be overcome by the wily foe.... {UL 42.2}

**The crafty deceiver has been found to be an accuser, a liar, a tormentor and a murderer;** but whatever he may have led others to say concerning you, the Lord can say to him as He said to Peter, **“Get thee behind me, Satan.”** He can say to him, **“You shall not come in between this soul and Me. You shall not interpose yourself between Me and the soul for whom I died a ransom.”** It is for you, my tempted sister, to dismiss Satan with his temptations, and to take Jesus. Press close to Jesus, and place your hand in His, and He will firmly hold your hand, and never let go of the soul who maintains his faith in Him.... {UL 42.3}

**Living faith in the power of Jesus Christ**, not in your own efficiency and wisdom, **will bring you through every difficulty and temptation.** Patiently wait, watch, and pray, and hold fast to the promises. **However much your enemies have bruised and wounded your soul, forgive them,** and by maintaining faith in Christ, you will find Him to be to you as the shadow of a great Rock in a weary land.... **Endure the pressure**. **Submit to wrong, bear the suffering part of religion for Christ’s sake, rather than sin against God by seeking to deliver yourself....**{UL 42.4}

Cannot you be a partaker with Christ in His sufferings? Cannot you endure to have your name cast out as evil, and suffer the loss of temporal interest? **You may be falsely accused, but bear in mind that Jesus bore all this for you,** and **faint not at tribulation.** Overcome evil with good. Do not become bitter and estranged from Jesus. He loves you. Put your trust in Him.... {UL 42.5}

Jesus sees the soul who is tempted, and **to the broken and contrite heart, the submissive spirit**, He imparts grace and soothing consolation.—Letter 32, January 28, 1894, to “Miss Hartman.” {UL 42.6