

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}