

God's Children in Dark Hours.

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No human life is all sunshine, and over smooth water. Some of the noblest characters in Bible history were men who travelled to Heaven through dark nights and in the teeth of many a "blizzard."

Abraham was the "Friend of God," rich and prosperous; yet it was a faith-trying journey, enveloped in painful mystery, which he made to Mount Moriah with his beloved son marked for the sacrifice.

Joseph was led through deep pit and captivity to the Premiership of Egypt. Daniel, a prisoner, became the powerful Danite of Hebrew literature, looked up to the stars of the divine promises from the depths of a dungeon.

As it was in those days, so it is in our days. The very best people, those who love God, and God loves, are not always happy.

Our heavenly Father never promises unbroken sunshine to any of his children. That might be an appeal to our selfishness—a bribe to serve God for the immediate happiness it would insure.

No opportunity would be afforded to test the sincerity of faith in such weather if its voyages were only over placid seas. Clipper-ships are not tested at the wharves—but out in the hurricanes.

Hand as it is to believe, yet it is a Bible-truth that when God loves, he chastens severely, and does it not because he loves them less.

and has as perfect a right to appoint for you and me a path through a pitch-dark tunnel or a valley of the shadow of death as he has to direct our footsteps over a meadow rippled with flowers.

The dark path may prove to be the most richly profitable portion of our life-journey. The eyes of faith, like the eye of the body, has the power to enlarge its pupil and so comes very soon to see in the dark.

It discovers new beauty in Bible-truth which it has not seen before. It discovers the preciousness of a hope in Christ as never before; and gets new views of the unchanging love of Him who sticketh closer than a brother.

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