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“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and
precious promises.”—2 PETER i. 4.

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It has often been felt a delightful exercise by the child of God, to take, night by night, an individual promise and plead it at the mercy-seat. Often are our prayers *pointless*, from not following, in this respect, the example of the sweet Psalmist of Israel, the Royal Promiser-pleader, who delighted to direct his finger to some particular "word" of the Faithful Promiser, saying, "Remember Thy word unto Thy servant, on which thou hast caused me to hope!"

The following are a few gleanings from the Promise Treasury,—a few crumbs from "the Master's Table," which may serve to help the thoughts in the hour of closet meditation, or the season of sorrow.

Sr. M—,
December 1849.



[2ND DAY.

**“He is Faithful that
Promised.”**

“As thy days, so shall thy strength be.”

DEUT. xxxiii. 25.

**Needful
Grace.** God does not give
grace till the hour
of trial comes. But
when it *does* come the amount
of grace, and the nature of
the special grace required is
vouchsafed. My soul! do
not dwell with painful ap-
prehension on the future.
Do not anticipate coming
sorrows; perplexing thyself
with the grace needed for
future emergencies; to-mor-
row will bring its promised
grace along with to-morrow's
trials. God, wishing to keep

His people humble, and dependent on himself, gives not a stock of grace; He metes it out for every day's exigencies, that they may be constantly "travelling between their own emptiness and Christ's fulness,"—their own weakness and Christ's strength. But *when* the exigency comes, thou mayest safely trust an Almighty arm to bear thee through! Is there now some "thorn in the flesh" sent to lacerate thee? Thou mayest have been entreating the Lord for its removal. Thy prayer has, doubtless, been heard *and answered*; but not in

the way, perhaps, expected or desired by thee. The "thorn" may still be left to goad, the trial may still be left to buffet; but "more grace" has been given to endure them. Oh! how often have His people thus been led to glory in their infirmities and triumph in their afflictions, seeing the power of Christ rests more abundantly upon them! The strength which the hour of trial brings, often makes the Christian a wonder to himself!

"REMEMBER *THIS* WORD UNTO THY
SERVANT, UPON WHICH THOU
HAST CAUSED ME TO HOPE!"

[3RD DAY.

**“He is Faithful that
Promised.”**

“God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all-sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”—2 COR. ix. 8.

**All-Sufficient
Grace.** “**ALL - SUFFI-
CIENCY** in all
things!” Be-
liever! surely thou art “tho-
roughly furnished!” Grace
is no scanty thing, doled out
in pittances. It is a glorious
treasury, which the key of
prayer can always unlock,
but never empty. A fountain
“full, flowing, *ever* flowing,
overflowing.” Mark these
three ALL’s in this precious
promise. It is a threefold link
in a golden chain, let down

from a throne of grace by a God of grace. “*All grace!*” —“*all-sufficiency!*” in “*all things!*” and to “*abound!*” Oh! precious thought! My wants cannot impoverish that inexhaustible treasury of grace! Myriads are hourly hanging on it, and drawing from it, and yet there is no diminution: “*Out of that fulness all we too may receive, and grace for grace!*” My soul, dost not thou love to dwell on that all-abounding grace? Thine own insufficiency in everything, met with an “*all-sufficiency in all things.*” Grace in all circumstances and situations, in all