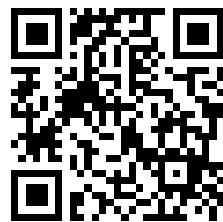

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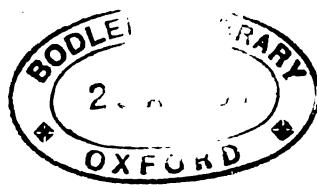
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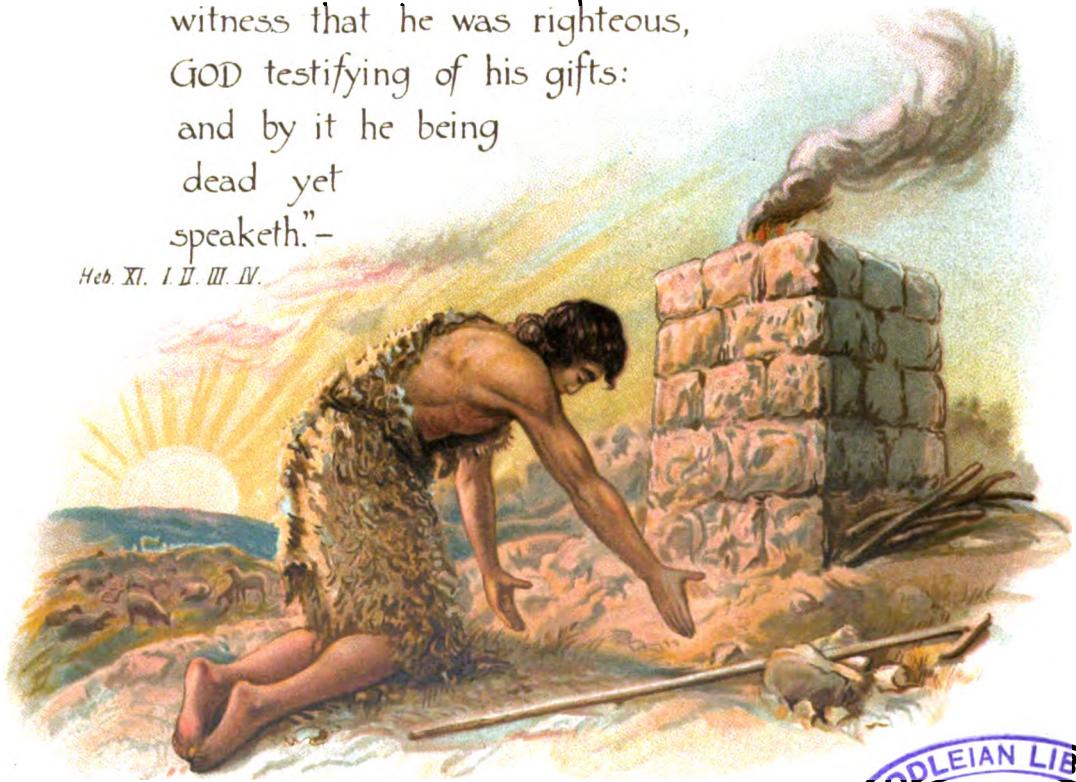
Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were
framed by the word of GOD, so that things
which are seen were not made of things
which do appear.

By faith Abel offered unto GOD a more excellent
sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained
witness that he was righteous,
GOD testifying of his gifts:
and by it he being
dead yet
speaketh."—

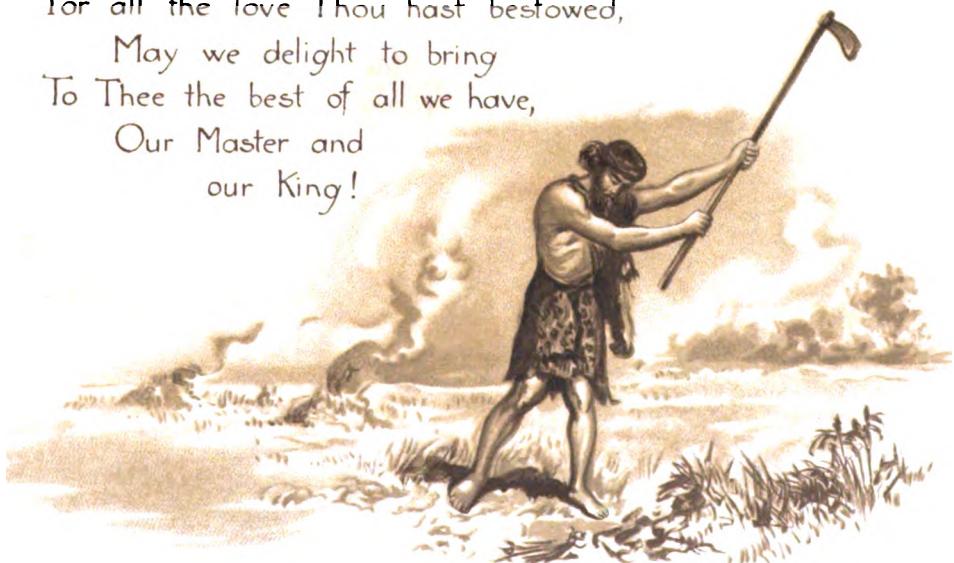
Heb. XI. I. II. III. IV.





Most holy Lord,
may we so live
Our life each day with Thee,
That Thou a bright reality
In all our hearts may'st be!

For all the love Thou hast bestowed,
May we delight to bring
To Thee the best of all we have,
Our Master and
our King!





“By faith Noah,
being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved
with fear, prepared an ark
to the saving of his house.” Heb XI.7.

Should storms arise,
 be Thou O Lord
A refuge strong indeed;
A never failing place
 of rest
In time of sorest need !



As bird on weary trembling wing
 Seeks shelter from the blast,
So may we hide ourselves in Thee,
 Till tempest floods are past !

And hiding thus, may we behold
 Athwart the water's face,
The token of Thy
 faithfulness
The earnest of
 Thy grace !



“By faith Abraham, when he was tried,
offered up Isaac:



and he that had
received the promises
offered up his only begotten son.” *Heb XI. 17.*
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And Master, should'st
Thou seek to prove
Our loyalty to Thee ;
By ways to us mysterious,
Submissive would we be !

Should'st Thou require some sacrifice,
Or give us a command
The which we dare not disobey,
Yet fail to understand.

Then may our faith and
child-like trust
Triumphant prove der sight,
Believing though we
cannot see,
That Thy behests
are right.





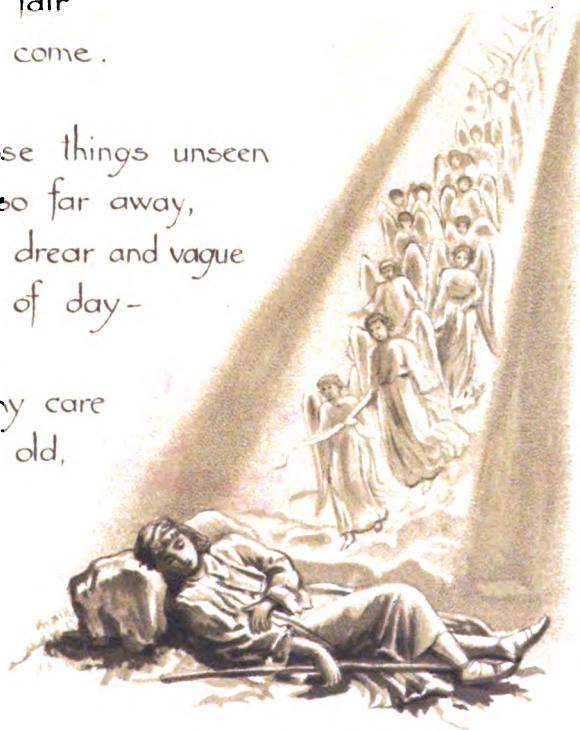
“By faith
Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau
concerning things to come.” *Heb. xi. 20.*



Should weariness o'er-take us Lord
Before we reach our Home,
Sustain us by a vision fair
Of rest and joy to come.

Reveal to us those things unseen
Which seem so far away,
Dispelling shadows drear and vague
By harbingers of day-

Oh make us conscious of Thy care
As were the saints of old,
May we through rifts
in stormy sky
The light of Heaven
behold.

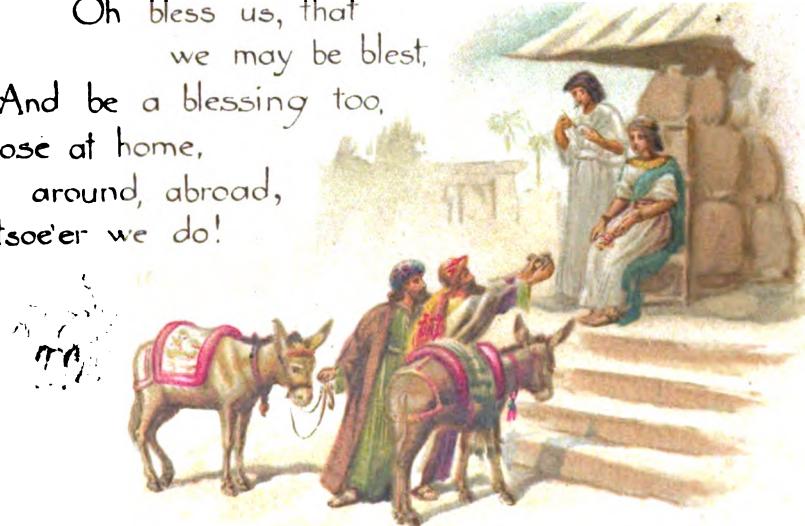




Should enemies encompass us
And seek to do us ill;
May we be steadfast to the right,
Obey and trust Thee still!

May nought that they can offer us
Draw us from Thee aside;
But may we faithful be to Thee;
And Lord, with us abide!

Oh bless us, that
we may be blest,
And be a blessing too,
To those at home,
around, abroad,
In whatsoe'er we do!

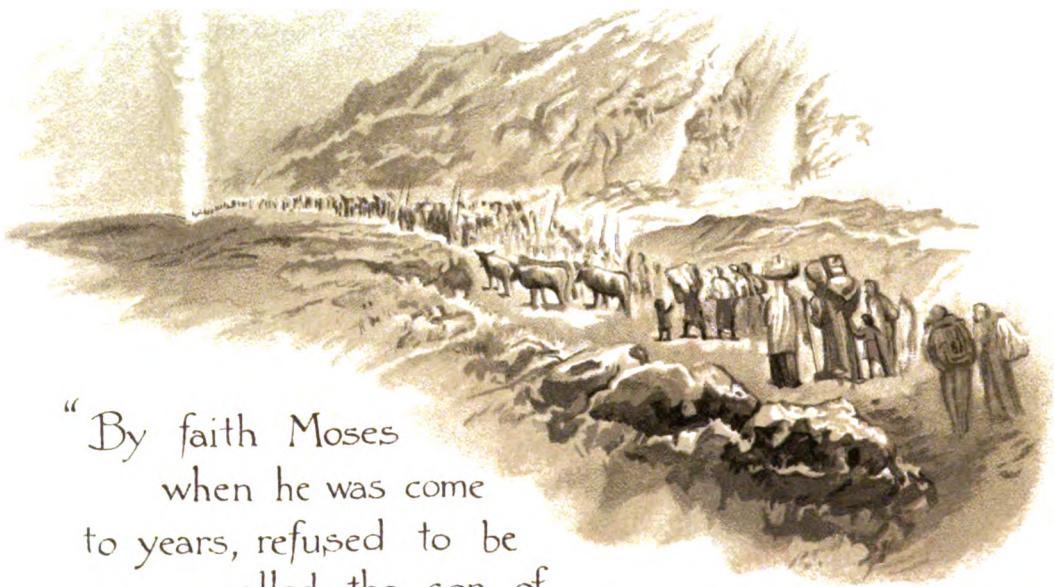




“By faith Jacob,
when he was a-dying, blessed both the sons of
Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.”

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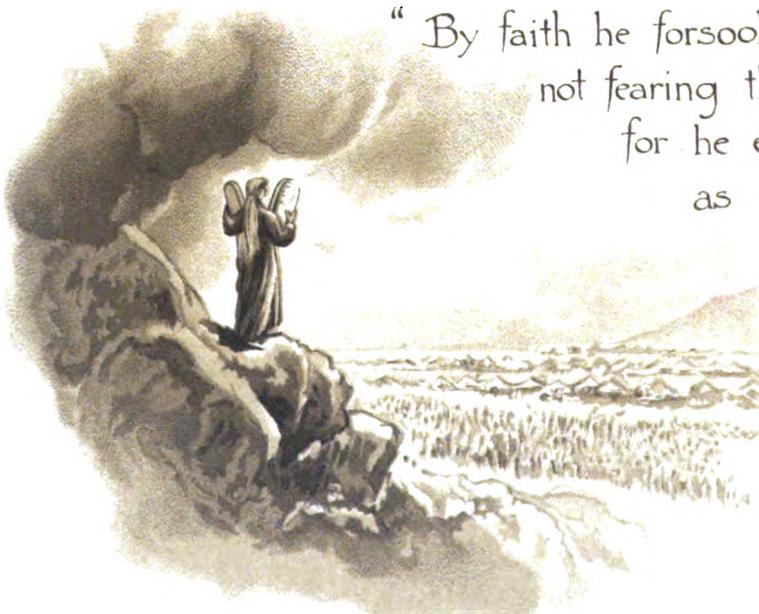
Heb. XI. 21.



“By faith Moses
when he was come
to years, refused to be
called the son of
Pharaoh's daughter.”

“By faith he forsook Egypt,
not fearing the wrath of the King:
for he endured,
as seeing Him who
is invisible.”

Heb. XI. 24. 27.



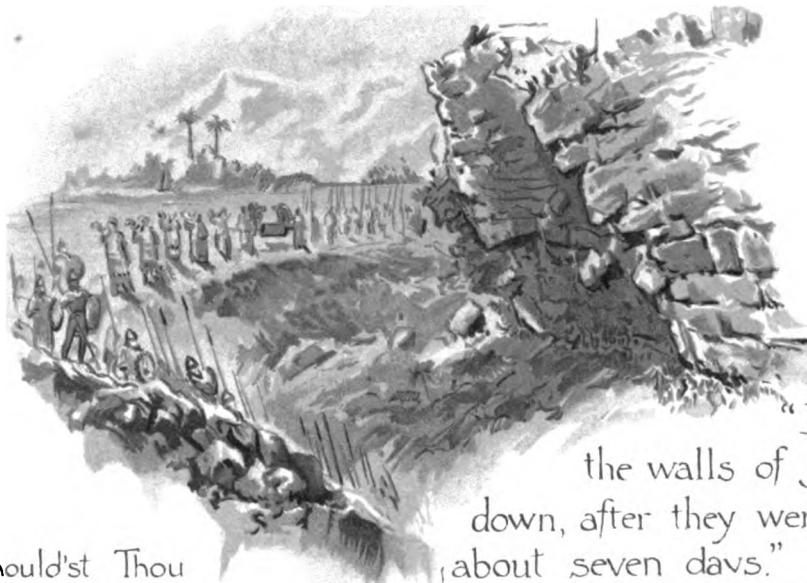
“ Through faith he kept the passover, and



the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed
the firstborn should touch them.”

Heb. XI. 28.

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“By faith
the walls of Jericho fell
down, after they were compassed
about seven days.” *Heb. XI. 30*

Should'st Thou
entrust us with a work
For which we seem but weak,
Oh fill us, fit us, fire us Lord,
And give the strength
we seek!

Oh make us as
a mighty host
Against our strongest foe;
To Thee shall be the glory then.
And they Thy power shall
know!



"And what shall I
more say?
for the time
would
fail me
to tell

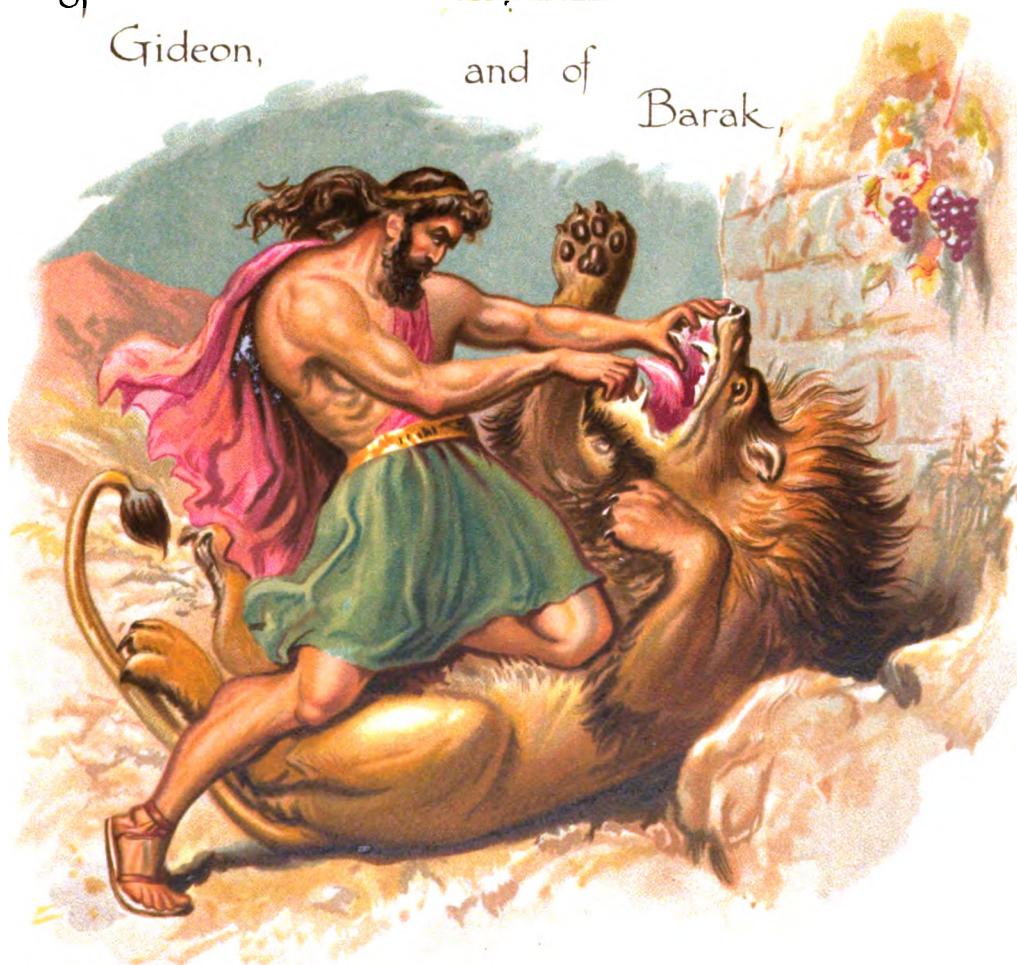


of

Gideon,

and of

Barak,



and of **Samson**
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Of Jephthae

“Who through faith subdued kingdoms wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.”

“Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.”

“Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance: that they might obtain a better resurrection.”

“And others had trial of cruel mocking and scourging, yea moreover of bonds and imprisonment:”

“They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword they wandered about in sheepskins, and goatskins: being destitute, afflicted, tormented.”

“(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens, and caves of the earth.”

“And these all having obtained a good report through faith received not the promise:”

“God having provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.”



Of David
also

of
Samuel
and
of the prophets

Heb. XI. 32



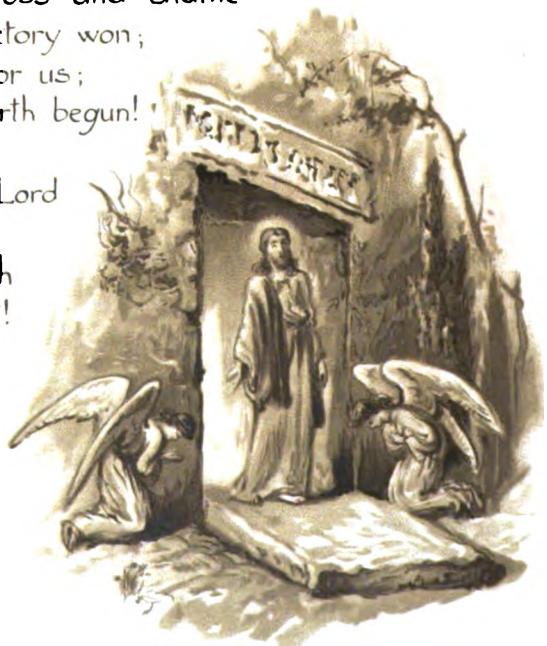


And should the brightness of the earth
E'er hide from us Thy face,
Then draw us close to Thee again
In tender love and grace!

Remind us of Thy cross and shame
And then of victory won;
Of resurrection life for us;
Of heaven on earth begun!

Uplift with Thine own hand dear Lord
The veil of sense and sight;
That we within may see by faith
Those glorious realms of light!

Where prophets, saints and
martyrs stand
A white-robed happy throng
And hear their anthems
to Thy praise
In those glad halls of song!





" Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

despising the shame, and

is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb xii. 142.

But brighter and more beautiful,
More rapturously fair;
May we behold Thee Son of God,
The central figure there!

Not as the man of sorrows now,
But Monarch, high, supreme,
Before whom thousands meekly bow,
Salvation all their theme!

And with them, may we lowly bend,
In spirit to adore:
And own Thee, of our heart and life,
Our King for evermore!

Our King, who died, and
lives again,
Our King, beyond all praise.
Our King, whom now
by faith we bless,
Our King, through
coming days!

