

Miscellaneous.

ANGEL SLEEP AND ANGEL DEATH.

BY WILLIAM LAUBACH.

Continued.

CHAPTER IV.

Angel Sleep still thinking of the land of the dead and Angel Death's solemn work...

When Angel Sleep found Angel Death he was very glad, and would have embraced him tenderly...

"What thou believest shall be damned," "Oh, I am afraid," "I have no hope for me."

"Brethren my heart's desire, and prayer to God for Israel, is that they might be saved."

"That looks like hope," "I am afraid," "I have no hope for me."

"Brother Angel Sleep," "I do not conflict with our former view," "I have pondered it long and deeply."

"You are right, brother, and I will tell you there is a fine looking young man who formerly I did not like, and as he never seemed in a hurry to have me come, I forgot to mention it."

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"Presently he murmured, my God, my God, and can it be? The Jews! Oh! how many millions of them! The poor Jews—the ancient people of God! The heathen who have never heard of Christ! The people of our own enlightened land, how many of them will perish!"

"Long, have I searched to find one ray of hope for them. In vain. Not one faith of the world from the beginning to the present time have I found reason to hope will be saved. And he made an estimate of all from the beginning, and the present. But I will not give you the pang. O, it is too great, I dare not think of it."

"And he groaned, and then said, 'and God is omnipotent. He could save all, and yet so many must be doomed, to everlasting fire.'"

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"I will tell you," said the Angel Death; "for I, too, have watched that same youth, and heard him tell it to his friends. He told them of his struggles as you have told, so I need not repeat that, and when he lay still he had given almost up to despair; yet he cried: 'My God, my God. That cry was a prayer, and God did not forsake him. There came a voice, that still small voice, but O, said the youth it did not seem still or small to me. It was sharp like a two edged sword.'"

"It asked, who are you? Who made you, and from whence came the good of which your heart boasts?"

"And in a moment, I saw my ignorance, and folly. I saw that God was my author, and that God breathed in man's nostrils the breath of life, and that spark of divinity is the source of all the good I possess. And if the spark of divine nature it has pleased my author to bestow upon man, contains so much love toward our fellow creatures, how infinite must be the love of the great I AM? I saw I could not think a good thought without it being given from one greater than I. And then I saw my Savior as He is, good O, so good, I shouted glory!"

"But," interrupted the Angel Sleep, "that still small voice—it did not hear it, yet I was in the room all the time. Why did I not hear it, too?"

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"I am not ridiculing you, said the Angel Death; but is not my brother Angel Sleep like a reed shaken in the wind?"

"The Angel Sleep did not reply for he saw the applicability of the question."

"The Angel Death resumed. 'A moment ago you were so interested in the fate of the Jews, your heart swelled with love for their calamities; but as soon as you heard of something mysterious, your eyes were in their half vanishing. Their trouble is of minor consequence than the gratification of your own curiosity.'"

"The Angel Sleep still could not reply, and looked so discomfited, the Angel Death pitied him and said, 'The leopard cannot change his spots' neither did my brother Angel Sleep have the opportunity of numbering his own talents. 'And unto God he gave five talents, to another two, and to each man according to his several ability.'"

"And again he turned his light, 'And where there is little given, there is little required.'"

"The Angel Sleep, still was silent, for the Angel Death's words were a heavy blow upon his self-righteousness, yet he was not angry with Angel Death for he now truly loved him, and he saw he was right, and only felt aggrieved, and knew what not to say."

"The Angel Death, saw it, and continued, 'I would like to tell you more of the still, small voice, but have little more time now. Not time to take a clear view by my majestic light in regard to the future of the Jews, and the heathen. But I do not think either as a whole nation will be lost. I think I can prove they will not, still not quite clear of clear proof. But would you not rather I should answer some of your former questions now?'"

"If I were to consult my own feelings, brother Angel Death," said the Angel Sleep, "I should say, yes, for I truly would like to know. But I fear, my love for what seems mysterious to me great. I thought and still think, I love the people whom I consider as one-third (of the time) under my care, and I want to go among them that I may see how they live. At first I changed you with causing all the grief in the world. I now know that charge to be unjust. I should like a visit among the sons of men, in order to learn what is in man."

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