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My Dear

My Dear friend John

I received your kind letter on Sunday and was glad to see it which I read with great delight. The spring don't seem to come on as fast as we thought at first. however the grass, bushes and the trees are beginning to look quite green again. it is a time of reviving of every thing. Things Temporal and Spiritual seem to bud out together. I hope they may continue to go on from spring to summer, and then have a good harvest in Autumn have a good harvest from the ground, and a good harvest of souls into Christ's Kingdom. it gladdens the heart of christians to see sinners flocking to the standard of King Emanuel and there to rally round their captain and fight the good fight of faith, and in that cause in which so many noble martyrs did depending, it is the noblest warfare that any one can be engaged in, it is the only war in which every soldier receives a reward, and every one that dies is kindly taken care of, for at his death angels are standing ready to carry their souls to heaven whenever it is separated from the body. it is the only one that can give peace to the mind on a dying pillow, what a difference in the death of the martyrs and the infidels. the one meeting death with a smile, the other in an agony of mind which is worse than the tortures which some of these martyrs were put to, for the cause of their beloved master, but it was only the opening of the gates of bliss, a never ending happiness, a never ending fellowship with their God, and their saviour Jesus Christ, and with angels, and all the redeemed of the Lord, let us take example of these martyrs and be determined that what ever comes in our way to hinder us to serve

myself from your sinners (I will) and  
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the Lord, and ask him to aid us by the influence  
of his Holy Spirit, for without him we can do nothing  
what great love for sinners hath the Lord that  
he spared not his only begotten son, but freely  
gave him up to die for such rebellious creatures  
as we are, that he who created all things and  
made us, should condescend so far as to take  
upon himself the form of his creatures, and to  
come down from his throne on high, and travel  
this world and endure all the sufferings, and  
trials which men have to endure here on earth, and  
to die an ignominious death to satisfy an offended  
God, when we could not do it ourselves, it  
was great love, yea John great was that love  
to men who had sinned so much against the  
Lord, even when they were nailing him to the cross  
he prayed to his father to forgive them, for they knew  
not what they were doing, it is our duty then to  
live here in this world to his praise and glory  
and ask the great God (who made us) by prayer  
to send his Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts to  
lead and guide us in the paths of holiness, and  
also to give us faith, strong faith, for without  
faith it is impossible to please God, we may  
be laughed at and persecuted by the world  
but that need not trouble us, Christ told his  
disciples that they would be persecuted for  
his names sake, but he will give them strength  
to bear all these persecutions, blessed are they  
that will endure to the end, for they will receive  
a crown of glory, which the righteous judge will  
place upon their heads at the last day, it is a  
blessed voice the voice to the promised land, and  
that saviour, that walked on the sea is able to steer  
us safely to that heaven of rest, where we can be free  
from all the temptations of sin, and from all the storms