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My Ever Dear & Precious Wife

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here with a sermon at two o'clock this afternoon. - I close my labors
the past has been such a week as I never spent. Congregations have been uniformly large notwithstanding the rainy weather. A number of young men have been awakened & converted to God, & others are inquiring what must we do? On Sabbath eve about fifty came to the anxious seats for prayers. Such struggles in prayer among Christians, & such manifestations of the presence of the Holy Ghost I have never witnessed. Some of our prayer meetings have been indeed anful by the presence of God. The past week I shall certainly never forget. I have met here a Methodist Brother, a minister by the name of Eastman, a man of whom Brother Trickett of Exeter spoke to me, & very much desirous that I might see him. I did not know that he was in this region, but he came to Exeter on purpose to see me, the day that I commenced my lectures, & has been here, the most of the

time. The like of this Brother Eastman I have never
seen, except his wife who is with him, & is as
much like her husband as a wife ever need be.
I might say that they are like Doct. Palmer & his
wife, but they are much more than like
them; that is, they have the same spirit in
much larger measure. I am sure that I shall
meet & praise God with them in heaven. Last
evening at family prayer Sister Eastman was
pouring out her soul in fervent prayer for my
Dear Wife - she wrestled earnestly for you un-
til she prevailed i.e. obtained an evidence that
God had heard - & then she praised God aloud. -
I am sure that God will bless you.

I am to leave here this evening at 10-
o'clock & ride all night, the only way to get from
here to Montpelier by stage. This is not the way
to take my ease - but if worthy men will sub-
mit it to such things for worthy purposes, why
should not I, for Christ & the souls for whom
He pleads? I suppose Brother Finney is with you
in ^{Stamerville} this week. Give my love to him & tell ~~to~~ him
I want that he should thoroughly examine the
subject of the second advent. - Brother Hale
I think will furnish ~~him~~ him with books.
God is blessing me certainly, in the preaching of this truth
as never before. In connection with the doctrine
of holiness it is mighty in pulling down strong holds.

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My dear Wife is ever near my heart, & I trust, nay I cannot doubt that she is ever near the heart of Jesus, the Alpha, glorious Saviour whom I serve. I feel for your toils & trials in my absence which I know must be many - but I anticipate the time when we shall Praise God with loud voice together in heaven for the self denial we are now enduring for Christs sake. -

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I have now preached my last sermon in Claremont, to a very large congregation. It has been truly a most gracious time, such as I never before witnessed. Souls are converted, & many are awakened - & that I trust will yet find Christ. The Lord has been with me & shall be His name. I have received from the people about twenty six dollars, of which I send you twenty. Perhaps you had better let Woodcocks bill remain till my return. If you have means enough, I would like to have you lay aside the quarters rent, 15- dollars, & pay it if I should not reach home by the 1st of July - The Lord watch over the beloved of my heart; & let the dear children be safe in His arms - I leave in about 3 hours for Mouthes

er & while my dear Wife is on her pillow, I shall
be hastening over hill & dale to carry the light
of God's blessed truth. May peace, sweet peace, even
the peace that Jesus Gives to those who fully tru-
-st in Him, fall gently around the pillow which
is pressed by the head of the dear companion
of my heart. — The tenderest love of a husband

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is yours — with the affectionate yearnings
of a Father's heart toward the dear children.
May the Lord abundantly bless them —
Good Bye My Ever Dear Wife. I will write
you when I reach Montpelier —
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