

# Stimulated by Miracles

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## I.

The Almighty Creator created Angels by His divine power  
and in His great righteousness gave them their own choice  
that they might continue in eternal happiness through obedience

and might also lose that happiness  
not through destiny  
but for disobedience

His great righteousness would not compel them to either  
but gave them their own choice for that is righteousness  
that to everyone be allowed his own choice

## II.

Now many a man will think and inquire whence the Devil came?  
Be it, therefore known to him that  
God created as a great Angel him who is now the Devil

but God did not create him as the Devil  
but when he was wholly fordone  
and guilty towards God

through his great haughtiness and enmity  
then became he changed to the Devil  
who before was created a great Angel

## III.

It is read in historic narratives that John the Evangelist would marry  
and Christ was invited to his nuptials

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Then it befell that at the nuptials wine was wanting

Jesus then bade the serving men fill six stone vessels with pure  
water  
and he with his blessing turned the water to noble wine  
This is the first miracle that He openly wrought in His state of man

Now John was so stimulated by that miracle  
that he forthwith left his bride in maidenhood  
and ever afterwards followed the Lord

#### IV.

It is probable that some of you know not what circumcision is:  
God commanded Abraham that he and his offspring  
should hold His covenant that there might be some sign on their  
bodies

to show that they believed in God  
and commanded him to take a sharp-edged flint  
and cut off a part of the foreskin

and that token was then as great among believing men  
as is now the holy baptism  
excepting Christ turn it to a spiritual sense

#### V.

They were not ripened for slaughter yet they blessedly died  
Snatched from their mothers' breasts, they were instantly  
committed to the bosoms of Angels

The wicked persecutor could not by any service  
so greatly favor those little ones so greatly  
as he favored them by the fierce hate of persecution

They are called blossoms of martyrs because they were  
as blossoms springing up in the midst of the chill of infidelity  
consumed as it were by the frost of persecution

