

## No Excuse

### Description

Romans 1:18-25

Elizabeth Prentiss (1818-78) was known as a godly woman. A published writer by age 16, she once wrote: "To love Christ more is the deepest need, the constant cry of my soul . . . out in the woods, and on my bed, and out driving, when I am happy and busy, and when I am sad and idle, the whisper keeps going up for more love, more love, more love!"

Then in the 1850's, she and her husband lost two children within a short time. Although initially inconsolable, Elizabeth soon turned to Scripture and the hymn, "Nearer My God, to Thee," by Sarah Adams. Elizabeth then wrote the words to the hymn, "More Love to Thee." It was later put to music and has since been translated into many languages.

Instead of letting grief define her life, Elizabeth resolved to live even closer to God by reciprocating His love more fully. Love is surely embedded in God's "invisible qualities" referred to in Romans 1:20. We are without excuse if we do not access that divine attribute.

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