Rest in the goodness of God.

You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. Psalm 119:68 (NIV)

- · God was good in giving her to me.
- God was good in leaving me have her as long as he did.
- · God was good in taking her from me.

(The three points of George Mueller's funeral sermon for his wife based on Psalm 119:68)

Conclusion

Day by day with each passing moment, Strength I find to meet my trials here; Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.

He whose heart is kind beyond all measure Gives unto each day what He deems best -Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me With a special mercy for each hour; All my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me, He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.

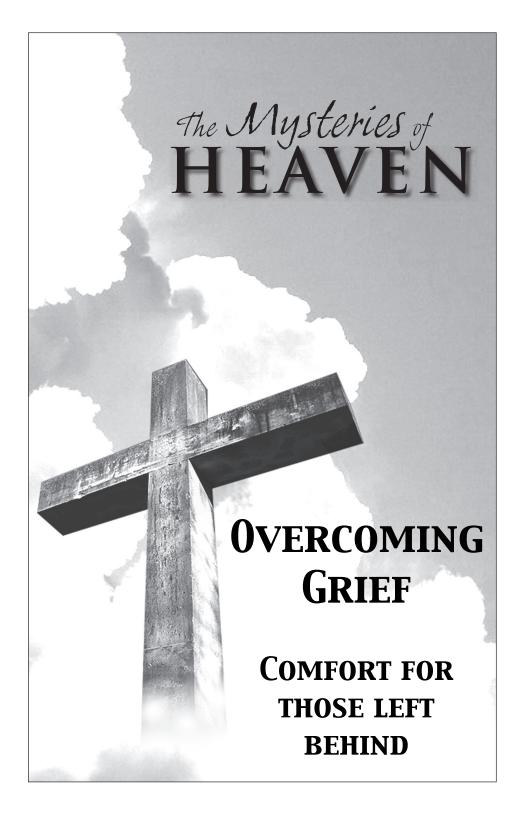
The protection of His child and treasure Is a charge that on Himself He laid; "As thy days, your strength shall be in measure," This the pledge to me He made.

-Lina Berg, age 26 - after the death of her father on Lake Vattern

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Overcoming Grief - Comfort for those left behind

"This is the moment for which we are prepared."

-Scott + Janet Willis

The word accident does not exist in God's vocabulary.

God's children can only die according to God's timetable.

Rest in the <u>providence</u> of God.

God's children die at the right time.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when <u>Jesus knew</u> that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the <u>Father</u>, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. John 13:1 (ESV)

So they were seeking to arrest him, but <u>no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come</u>. John 7:30 (ESV)

These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; <u>but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come</u>. John 8:20 (ESV)

God's children die when their work is complete.

I glorified you on earth, <u>having accomplished the work that</u> <u>you gave me to do</u>. John 17:4 (ESV)

God's children's can not be derailed by Satan's schemes.

They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Acts 4:28 (NIV)

God's children die in the right way.

Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." John 21:18–19 (ESV)

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28 (ESV)