SIDE TWO

I am thy God" Oh that you and I and our precious children may be kept in his faith and fear! Then all will be well. I am heartily ashamed of all my murmuring and rebellion. For I doubt know how great it is; and my only hope is derived from the feeling that I do hate it and strive against it. But then I am ever betrayed again. When I think of poor Mrs Dobson and her children, and of the poor multitude of every shade and degree of sorrow from those in Lyons to the destitute from our own land and in our own midst. I feel heartily ashamed that I ever repine over any change in our own condition. And then when I contrast the love and protection of our dear children with the conduct of Mary and remember that they too are children of Adam, and have been tempted but kept by the power of God; I feel as though I am justly condemned for want of a proper gratitude for the mercies which God has vouchsafed to bestow them. Help me

my dear wife to pray how helpful you in the days that are past. I have been lately tried about making you a visit. You who know my heart, know my love for you and the children; and yet I have felt as though it was impossible for me to bring myself to see your family & our home there. That feeling has disappeared, and had quite fixed my whole heart upon leaving here on Monday night when the illness of Mrs Fallon rendered it impossible for me to leave. She was very nearly dead. Entire new & severest bitter that I am beginning to encourage a hope of getting off tomorrow night. I write if there is not some quite satisfactory reason that it is not God's Will that I do. I have never felt more deeply our separation, and yet I feel as though I could never bring myself to let you occupy the parlour and chamber again. (I have not said a word to any human being. I do long to pray to God for some deliverance. I shall not say one word to the ladies about terms or accommodations, I shall leave that God to provide as He sees right & justly