



## "He Giveth More Grace"

by Annie Johnson Flint – (1866-1932)

He giveth more grace as the burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength as the labors increase,  
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.

*Refrain:*

*His Love has no limit; His grace has no measure.  
His pow'r has no boundary known unto men.  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,  
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!*

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

This song was written by Annie Johnson Flint who has written some of the most inspiring poems dealing with faith and triumph in times of trial and suffering. She was born in Vineland, NJ and lost both parents before she was six years old. Adopted by a childless couple, she became afflicted with arthritis as a teen and soon thereafter became unable to walk. She aspired to be a composer and concert pianist but when illness deprived her of her ability to play the piano she resorted to writing poetry. Some of her poetry she set to music. Later in life, being unable to open her hands, she wrote many of her poems on the typewriter, using but her knuckles.

The song "He Giveth More Grace" was based on three Bible promises "He giveth more grace" (James 4:6); "He increaseth strength" (Isaiah 40:29); and "Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied" (Jude 2).

There is a grace and strength from God that is not given in the everyday routine of life. But God gives it to us in our hour of need when our trust is in Him. When troubles and trials come upon us, may we know His added grace, His increased strength, and His multiplied peace (from "Songs In the Night" - Inspiring stories behind 100 Hymns born in trial and suffering.)

I heard a dear missionary from India, while we lived in Massachusetts, once share the following story about this song. It was in the 40's when this song was newly released. Some caring individual from the states sent her the record through the mail. They had no idea how very discouraged this missionary was or how exhausted her resources were. Lillian excitedly loaded her Victorola record player and began to play this new inspirational song. When it got to the chorus, "He giveth and giveth and giveth...." the needle got stuck. So over and over she heard the phrase He giveth and giveth and giveth and giveth and giveth... until it brought absolute joy from the deep resources of her heart. She realized God truly wanted her to experience His unlimited and overflowing provisions for her needs.

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