

JESUS EVER NEAR.

*"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."
(Heb. xiii. 5.)*

O JESUS CHRIST, the Saviour,
We only look to Thee ;
'Tis in Thy love and favour
Our souls find liberty.
When Satan seeks to sift us,
And shipwreck we might fear,—
'Tis this o'er all will lift us,
That *Thou* art ever near.

Yes, though the tempest round us
Seems safety to defy ;
Though rocks and shoals surround us,
And billows swell on high—
Thou dost from all protect us,
And cheer us by Thy love ;
Thy counsels still direct us
Safe to the rest above.

There with what joy reviewing
Past conflicts, dangers, fears,—
Thy hand our foes subduing,
And drying all our tears,—
Our hearts with rapture burning,
The path we shall retrace,
Where now our souls are learning
The riches of Thy grace.

LAW AND PRIESTLY GRACE.

(Numbers xvii., xx.)

Putting these two chapters together, we see the grace of God in priestly government, to bring His redeemed through the wilderness, and also the contrast between law and priestly grace,