

*with the children.* (In the forenoon.) And *Gen. 32. 26. And he said, let me go, for the day breaketh : And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.* (In the afternoon.) From which we were called upon to spread the causes of fear, relating to our own selves, or families before God ; as also, how it becomes us with an undeniable importunity to be following God, with earnest prayers for his blessing, in every condition. And it is very observable, how God ordered our prayers in a peculiar manner, to be going up to him ; to prepare us with a right *christian spirit*, to undergo and endure suffering trials.

Not long after, the Holy and righteous God, brought us under great trials, as to our persons and families, which put us under a necessity of spreading before him in a wilderness, the distressing dangers and calamities of our relations ; Yea, that called on us notwithstanding, seeming present frowns, to resolve by his grace not to be sent away without a blessing. *Jacob* in wrestling has the hollow of his thigh put out of joint ; and it is said to him, *let me go*, yet he is rather animated to an heroic christian resolution to continue earnest for the blessings, than discouraged from asking.

On the twenty ninth of *February*, 1703, 4, not long before break of day, the enemy came in like a flood upon us ; our watch