

hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O our souls. *O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High; Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help; Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness, and the shadow of death, and break their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord."

The language of inspiration offers the most suitable and worthy expressions of praise and thanksgiving; and it may be found adapted to all religious occasions. Thus saith the Lord, "Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth me: and to him, that ordereth his conversation aright, will I shew the salvation of God."† He is pleased to accept the praises of the unworthy race of men, as glorifying Him, "whose glory is above the heavens." Another most suitable and due expression of gratitude is to order our conversation, our conduct, aright before Him. His mercy is a great motive to this grateful duty; and our hope requires it, if we desire to trust in his providence and his grace, and to see the salvation of God, in time, and in eternity.

* Psalm 107. † Psalm 50, 23.