

turned is *its subservience to redemption*. For never do material things, or the intellect of man that turns them to such astounding uses, serve the end for which they were designed unless they are employed as instruments for the good of men's souls. Pile material worlds upon worlds. Let them be as many, as beautiful, as glorious as they may, *one soul made in the image of God in value outweighs them all*.

In surveying the glories of redemption let us *always remember this*. We never have any right view of the glory which accrues to God from redemption if we confine its effects to redeemed sinners, although that were enough of itself to entitle the Saviour to all his glorious reward. We must view redemption as a vindication *once for all and for ever of the character of God*,—of his law—of his government—of his throne. Then the Scriptures seem to encourage this delightful view, that redemption has achieved so glorious a triumph over sin and the works of the devil, as to place the unfallen angels and the redeemed beyond the possibility of fall; the restored part of the creation beyond the possibility of being ever again exposed to the ruinous influences of sin.

But how little justice can be done to this great theme by the discourses or books of mortals. For does not our Bible tell us, that it is in redemption that the highest intelligences in the universe find the treasury which contains all the rarest and most wonderful secrets of God's wisdom; that it is through the Church that all the manifold glories of that wisdom are in panoramic view exhibited to all the most glorious creatures that God has made. The Holy Ghost, in Ephesians iii. 10, tells us, "God created all things by Jesus Christ, to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known *by the Church the manifold wisdom of God*." Here, indeed, is a study fit for heaven's inhabitants during all heaven's ever circling ages. Even here on earth we can see no little of the wonders of that wisdom which redemption discovers.

Where can we find such insight into the wondrous workings of God's attributes of power, justice, holiness, truth, mercy, and love?

Where can we find such an insight into the various ways by which God has produced good out of evil?

How marvellously various is the good that man has derived from it.

Deliverance from all evils; supply of all wants; good for the body; good for the soul; good to meet every variety and change of condition; good to last as long as eternity; to crown all, perfect satisfaction in the blessed God, *the supreme good*.