

BAILEY QUOTES "THE PSALMS"

with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether." Psalm cxxxix., 1, 2, 3. And again, in another psalm, "My soul truly waiteth still upon God, for of him cometh my salvation. He verily is my strength and my salvation; he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fear." And that "thou, Lord, art merciful; for thou rewardest every man according to his work." Psalm lxii., 1, 2, 12.

And again we sing:

"My lot is fall'n in that blest land
Where God is truly known;
He fills my cup with lib'ral hand,
'Tis He supports my throne.

"Thou shalt the paths of life display,
That to Thy presence lead,
Where pleasures dwell without allay,
And joys that never fade."

NOTE.—These lines are from Tate and Brady's paraphrase version of the 16th Psalm, 5th and 11th verses. This paraphrase version of the Psalms was sanctioned and recommended by the Bishop of London in 1698.

Now in the book of Psalms we do not find one place in which David does not give all the glory to God, from the first verse of the 1st Psalm to the last verse of the 150th Psalm. In the first verse of the 1st Psalm we read, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful." And in the last verse of the 150th Psalm it is said, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." In all the history of David we only find two occasions in which he sinned, and what did he do then? He did not do as Adam and Eve did, laying the fault on each other. No, he directly confessed "I have sinned," adding, "but these sheep, what have they done?" We see he wished to have all the blame himself. He knew that he had sinned, and he knew that the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. I do wish myself and all the rest of us could have this faith to pray to God for pardon of our sins. We know that we have the same privileges as David had. "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Our beautiful church service begins, "I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Hide thy face from my sins and blot out all mine iniquities." Psalm li., 3, 9. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psalm li., 17. "O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing." Jer. x., 24. "Enter not into judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified." Psalm cxliii., 2. And then we hear those beautiful words, "Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture