

I defended Mr. W.'s doctrines of free and full salvation, should yet be able to sing so sweetly of the salvation that saves from sin and makes us pure. Surely the heart is often nearer right than the head. The Jews rejected their Saviour, not so much because they did not earnestly desire His coming, as because He did not come in the manner they expected. Let us see that none of this Judaism cleaves to us. If thou wilt absolutely come to Mount Zion in a triumphal chariot, or make thy entrance into the New Jerusalem upon a prancing horse, thou art never likely to get there. When he says, 'Surely I come quickly to make my abode with thee,' let thy faith close in with the word; ardently yet meekly embrace the promise. This will instantly beget power; and with that power thou mayst instantly bring prayer, and possibly the prayer which opens heaven, which humbly wrestles with God, inherits the blessing, and turns the well-known petition, 'Amen, even so, come Lord Jesus,' into the well-known praises, 'He is come, He is come.' O praise the Lord, O my soul. If he tarry it will be to give thy faith and desires more time to open, that thou mayst at his appearing be able to take in more of his perfecting grace and sanctifying power. Up, then, sincere expectants of God's kingdom! Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him. So does free grace invite itself to thy tent. Nay, it is now with thee in its creating, redeeming, and sanctifying influences. 'And when he saw them he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the ground.' Go and do likewise. If thou seest any beauty in the humbling grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sanctifying love of God, and in the comfortable fellowship of the Holy Ghost, let thy free will run to meet them, and bow thyself toward the ground. O, for a speedy going out of thy tent—thy sinful self! O, for a race of desire in the way of faith! O, for incessant prostrations! And Abraham said, 'My Lord, if I have now found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant.' O, for the humble pressing of a loving faith! O, for the faith which stopped the sun! O, for the importunate faith of the two disciples who detained Christ when he made as though he would have gone further! This promise is 'Yea, and amen' in Christ; only plead it according to the preceding directions, and as sure as the Lord is the true and faithful witness, so sure will the God of hope and love soon fill you with all joy and peace, that ye may abound in pure love, as well as in confirmed hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Let us sing with the pious Calvinists:

'Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;'

and especially this next verse:

'Breathe, O breathe, thy loving spirit,
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest;'