

bitter water—really the salt water ; they had been *saved* by it, they must now drink it. “By these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit ” (Is. xxxviii. 16).

As soon as we get in heavenly places we get the “old corn”—we find Christ there, we feed on Him ; but we have to be circumcised, *practically* putting off the body of the flesh. Israel got into the land, and had to be circumcised ; their *title* they knew, but they had not taken the ground of being practically dead and risen (from Egypt). If a man is practically dead and risen, what has he to do with this world ? A man dead, and thus taken out of the world, has to go through the world and live in it again if God so will it. We have to run across the wilderness to glory. As one associated with the Lord, I am the witness and testimony to the world of what a *heavenly* Christ is. I am to be an imitator of God. I shall be seeking other souls to enjoy it with me. If we are endeavouring to serve the Lord, shall we not find hindrances ? if seeking to maintain the Lord's people in the place of fidelity to all this, do you think Satan will let you alone ? There will be the wiles of Satan to get saints into his power, and we have to withstand his stratagems even more than his power.

Infidelity, superstition in its various forms, are opposed to us, consequently we need the whole armour of God the *moment* we come in. We shall not get through in our own strength ; we need the strength of the Lord, and the power of His might ;