

Ye fainting pilgrims, as ye go  
 This earth's sad wilderness along,  
 How oft will notes of deepest woe  
 Be mingled in your way-side song!  
 Oft will your strength and vigour fail—  
 Oft, will your very spirit fail—  
 But look to Jesus, and be strong!

Departing saints, whom death doth call  
 From earth and all its ties to sever;  
 Whatever clouds may round you fall  
 Let faith and courage waver never!  
 Remember Jesus standeth by—  
 Soon shall you meet his loving eye—  
 Oh, look to him, and live for ever!

From "*Songs by the Way.*"

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### THE WELLS OF SALVATION.

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw out of the wells of salvation."—Isaiah xii. 5.

The Bible abounds with figurative language, and metaphorical representations. The blessings of salvation are frequently compared to water. Thus we read of rivers, fountains, streams, living waters, and wells, all to set forth the cleansing, reviving and elevating nature, and the inexhaustible fulness of these blessings. Let us look at

**THE WELLS OF SALVATION.**—What is meant by them?

*The eternal love of God.* It reaches from everlasting to everlasting in its length; it extends to men of every clime, and alike encircles Jew and Gentile, such is its width; it reaches the lowest shades of misery and despair, such is its depth; and it conducts to the full enjoyment of God in heaven, such is its height.

*The gratius mediation of Christ.*—To use the language of Dr. Chalmers, this throws an archway of communication between the realm of sense and spirit,—it is the mystic ladder which conducts men to the altitude of the eternal and immutable God. By the doctrine of the incarnation he is pictured to the world with a human countenance, heard in a human voice, and seen in the deeds and footsteps of human history.

*The sacred influence of the Spirit.*—'Tis he alone that can illumine the understanding, soften the heart, and sanctify the soul, His operations are mysterious in their manner, wonderful in their nature, extensive in their range, effectual in their power, and glorious in their effects.