

things could not be together ; but the Christian's peculiarity is, what was necessarily separated in others, we are entitled to enjoy—knowing what they had to learn in detail here and there. There are two blessings, or two classes of men said to be blessed here. The first are those that abide in Jehovah's house : "Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house." Then the effect is immediate and inseparable, and most glorifying to God : "They will be still praising Thee." It is the spirit of worship. You have hearts near enough to God to be above the depression or the elation created by present changes. Around that house there might be bitterness, sorrow, deep dishonour ; for the struggle of the enemy is always most keen in the neighbourhood of God's glory. But they are in His presence ; and what matters it then if Satan rage, and rage ever so near them ? They know that they are near Him to whom Satan, and all that Satan can do, is but a little thing—that they are in the presence of Him who loves them, and controls all things. True moral elevation is theirs and spiritual power ; for God is their measure of judgment and their rest ; and this is only the more appreciated because of the boisterous waves and tempests that Satan may be permitted to excite. And they have the consciousness of this, those that are thus near to Him. They are those dwelling in His house, and they are still praising Him. It could not be otherwise. If I am so near to God that His glory fills my eye