

"Love divine will fill thy storehouse, or thy handful still renew :
Scanty fare for one will often make a royal feast for two."

"For the heart grows rich in giving : all its wealth is living grain,
Seeds, which mildew in the garner, scattered, fill with gold the plain."

"CONSCIOUSLY SAVED."

Are you ? Have you to-day felt the sweet influences of God's Spirit melting, warming, sanctifying your whole nature ? Or is it a whole day, or week, or month, since your heart was "strangely warmed ?" If you profess to be saved, and it is as long or longer than the last-named period since you had the clear and distinct witness of the Spirit to that fact, is it not very uncertain where you are ?

Is there anything in this world to be compared to the blessedness of being sweetly, and delightfully, and unmistakably saved—washed, forgiven, cleansed ? So as to say with good old Job, under great affliction, or without affliction, with flowing tears and a heart flowing with gratitude, "I know that my Redeemer lives"—that is, I know that He is *my* Redeemer, that He *now* saves me—me who have so often stumbled, faltered, and, alas, sinned. How fully do we at such times endorse and make the words of the Psalmist our own : "I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. A day in Thy courts is better than a thousand ; Thy love is better than wine."

I am grieved at the thought that many who are following Christ, or doing so professedly, know nothing of the joys of salvation. Then I greatly fear many others but taste occasionally of this "wine of the kingdom." The first class may pass very well as members of the church, but are they not deceiving themselves, and bringing a reproach on the cause of God ? And are not the second, weak, uncertain, and fluctuating, thus doing almost nothing for Him, who in compassion now and then touches them with His ravishing love ?

I lately heard from the pulpit that it was wrong to serve God with any reference to reward ; but my Bible is full of promises of reward, from Genesis to Revelation. Particularly is this best of all conceivable blessings, the presence, protection, comfort and delight of God's conscious presence, promised to all indiscriminately who follow Jesus in spirit and in truth.