

hand lead me. . . . How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how vast are the sums of them!" (Ps. cxxxix.)

It is just because the Christian revelation shows us God as opposed to all pain and wrong, shows us God as suffering in all the wrong of creation, shows us that Divine suffering as efficacious for the righting of all wrong, that we must regard joy as the means of the Christian salvation. The world is saved by joyful realisation that God has taken all our wrong and pain upon Himself, and is Himself its certain remedy. How joyful is the certainty that in so far as any of God's creatures, in sympathy or by suffering violence, freely take upon themselves the wrong and pain of others, their suffering, as one with His, has saving efficacy! How joyful is the assurance that no other suffering than that which God endures ought the faithful to endure! Health for the body, health for the mind, rest at heart from all worldly care, fulness of life, with participation in all simple joys, strength to fulfil every duty, power to save the world—these are the gifts which the faith of Jesus Christ discovered to be the results of faith in God. To the degree that this Christ is formed by faith in the human heart these gifts are appropriated. It is only by their full appropriation that God in Christ can be made fully manifest to the world.

Christian faith uses the thought of God like a flashing sword, strikes it right through the close, murky clouds of doubt that encase our earth; through the light-fringed rent come the life-