

will point the crushed and despairing soul to the better land where the loved and lost are waiting until those who are left behind for a season shall meet them again; the home of the soul where there is no more death; "where the inhabitants never say they are sick; where God shall wipe away all tears from off all faces." Christ can work for us a far more blessed deliverance than the removal of the present trouble. "This light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." The troubles of life are light compared with the blessedness that God has prepared for them that love Him. If the wounded heart turns to Christ as its stay and refuge, and clings to Him with intenser love and firmer faith, then will it prove the blessedness of adversity. It shall dwell on high; it shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. God calls us to a higher life, a truer existence, a closer communication with Himself. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard what God hath prepared for them that love Him," He would lift our souls to a higher plane, where they shall breathe a purer atmosphere, where in the sunlight of His countenance they shall become strong and pure. This is possible for us; it is possible to live so near to God that nothing shall have power to disturb our peace, but amidst all the waves of this troublesome world we shall be unmoved. And this is what we have to do; this is all that is worth living for. To know God, to fear Him, to serve Him, to dwell with Him; here is the great end and aim of life. Then brethren recall the dealings of God with your souls,