

asures to be had in Christ? "Whoso drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whoso drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore." To be forgiven—to be at peace with God—to have Him for a Father—to have Him loving us and smiling on us—to have the Holy Spirit coming into our hearts, and making us holy: This is worth a whole eternity of your pleasures. "A day in thy courts is better than a thousand." Oh, to be "satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the Lord." "Your daily bread becomes sweeter. You "eat your meat with gladness, and singleness of heart, praising God." Your foot is more light and bounding, for it bears a ransomed body. Your sleep is sweeter at night, for "so he giveth his beloved sleep." The sun shines more lovingly; and the earth wears a pleasanter smile, because you can say, "My Father made them all."

2. *It makes you glad all your days.*—The pleasures of sin are only "for a season;" they do not last. But to be brought to Christ is like the dawning of an eternal day: it spreads the serenity of heaven over all the days of our pilgrimage. In suffering days, what will the world do for you? "Like vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to a heavy heart." Believe me, there are days at hand when you will "say of laughter, It is mad; and of mirth, What doth it?" But if you fly to Jesus Christ now, he will cheer you in the days of darkness. When the winds are contrary, and the waves are high, Jesus will draw near, and say, "Be not afraid; it is I." That voice stills the heart in the stormiest hour. When the world reproach you, and cast out your name as evil—when the doors are shut—Jesus will come in, and say, "Peace be unto you." Who can tell the sweetness and the peace which Jesus gives in such an hour? One little girl that was early brought to Christ felt this when long confined to a sick bed: "I am not weary of my bed," she said, "for