

SAYINGS OF THE WISE AND GOOD.

MISERY AND MERCY.—The depths of misery are never beyond the depths of Divine mercy.—*Sibbs*.

CHRIST OUR HOPE AND EXAMPLE.—We cannot build too confidently on the merits of Christ, as our only hope; nor can we think too much of the mind that was in Christ, as our great example.—*Cecil*.

A HOLY HABIT OF MIND.—We should live in such a holy habit and frame of mind as to be at all times in a fit state for prayer, and that we can be looking up to God in frequent prayer while we are at our daily labour.—*Rev. R. Hill*.

OUR HOPE.—God's mercy and Christ's merit should bear up our faith and hope, when a sense of our sins is ready to cast us down.—*Cradock*.

HEAVEN.—Those who would go to heaven when they die, must begin their heaven while they live.—*M. Henry*.

HOPE OF HEAVEN.—We must ground our hopes of heaven upon the fulness of Christ's merit, for the pardon of sin; upon the power of His Spirit, for the sanctification of our nature; and upon the prevalence of His intercession, for the supply of all needed grace.

THE HEART.—In the worst of times there is still more cause to complain of an evil heart, than of an evil or corrupt world.—*Fleming*.

CONTENTMENT.—To work our own contentment, we should not labour so much to increase our substance as to moderate our desires.—*Bishop Sanderson*.

PRAYER.—He who prays as he ought, will endeavour to live as he prays. He who can live in sin, and abide in the ordinary duties of prayer, does not pray aright.—*Owen*.

AN IMPOSSIBILITY.—We may as well attempt to bring pleasure out of pain, as to unite indulgence in sin with the enjoyment of happiness.—*Hodge*.

A SOLEMN TRUTH.—Death pays respect neither to youth nor usefulness, but mows down together the tender herb, the fragrant flower, and the noxious weed.—*J. A. James*.

THREE WISHES.—The apostle Paul had three wishes, and they were all about Christ—that he might be *found in* Christ, that he might *be with* Christ, and that he might *magnify* Christ.—*Luther*.

TWO WONDERS.—Two things are matter of daily astonishment to me—the readiness of Christ to come from heaven to earth for me; and my backwardness to rise from earth to heaven for him.—*S. Pearse*.

REPENTANCE.—Repentance has a sort of double aspect, looking upon things past with a weeping eye, and upon the future with a watchful eye.—*South*.

COMFORT.—Extract the sweets from the comforts you have, before you complain of the want of other comforts.

NAMES OF CHRISTIANS.—The Scripture gives four names to Christians, taken from the four cardinal graces so essential to man's salvation: *saints*, for their holiness; *believers*, for their faith; *brethren*, for their love; *disciples*, for their knowledge.—*Fuller*.