

tell all its meaning, for it has "A vast, unfathomable sea" of meaning, "Where all my thoughts are drowned;" but if we cannot know *all* the meaning, let us try to know what we can. What did it mean to Abraham? He understood it to mean that God would be his God; that He would guide, protect and prosper Him, and afterwards receive him to His home above; for we are told that "he looked for a city," as well as for all earthly blessings. And we know that ~~these~~ expectations were more than realized. This is what the word means to us; and as such it is our privilege to receive it to-day. It means all it seems to mean—yes, and infinitely more; for man's words cannot contain God's meaning. Hence, trembling, timid Christian, I point thee to the promise, and cry: "All, all you need is there!" The more you look at it, the more you will prize it. Like Himself, it is perfect altogether. To change a word would be madness. It quivers with tenderness, it is infinite in power. To receive it is to rise above the world, and see the invisible. If this blessed morning we could, on the wings of faith and love, enter into the holy place, and passing through the ranks of shining worshippers hear the Divine voice saying: "I will bless thee," all fear would die, and henceforth we should rejoice with a "joy unspeakable and full of glory." That Voice is saying it now; why should not our joy be the same? Let therefore our hearts sing—

"Here then I doubt no more,
But in His pleasure rest,
Whose wisdom, love, and truth and power,
Engage to make me blest.

To accomplish His design
The creatures all agree;
And all the attributes Divine
Are now at work for me."

Notice, *secondly*, what God promises to make us to others: "I will make thee a blessing." He takes us into