

are *thy tents*." They are in favour with all the people ; and the secret of the loveliness of the aspect was, that they were watered by " the river of God " (Ps. lxxv. 9)—"as gardens by the river's side."

It is impossible but that Christ must meet the need of faith, let the general unbelief be what it may. Often, it is true, though most humbling, that the individual faith shines the brightest when the general unbelief is the darkest. In Paul's case it was so ; he went on in spite of all difficulties, when " all were seeking their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's." Faith looks not only at the blessing there is in God, but at the blessing *where* He has given it—with His people. The people are identified with God on high, therefore they are blessed, and God cannot allow evil in them.

Faith recognizes the place where blessing is, and drinks it in. "As the trees of lign-aloes which the Lord hath planted," etc., and then they become the source of blessing to others when so filled. "He shall pour the water out of his buckets." The bride herself says to her Lord, "Come," and says to those who are athirst also, let them "take the water of life freely" (Rev. xxii. 17).

I have not got CHRIST yet, but I have got the living water, and therefore I can say, Come and drink. We are not in glory yet, and we are not with the world ; but we have the Spirit, and it is