

about His servants, He ever keeps and guards us by the workings of His providence. And special providences are but special recognitions of all-embracing providence. Either He keeps us all the time or He keeps us not at all. A story, told, I believe, of two Theological Professors in Princeton, illustrates this. One said, "As I rode to college to-day, I had a wondrous escape. My horse became restive and threw me, but, by a miracle, I was saved from death." The other, with truer wisdom and reverence as great, replied, "A still greater marvel of providential care has been mine. For many years I have ridden by the same spot and never suffered an accident." God keeps in both cases alike. Many of the calamities of life, guided by the unerring lines of His providence, come very near to us, yet touch us not. "A thousand shall fall by thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." And many, many more of the calamities of life are by the same providence kept far from us. "The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage."

Such is God's guardian shield about us. Or rather, He Himself is our defence. "Jehovah evermore on thy right hand Himself hath made." Christmas Evans, the gifted and imaginative Welsh preacher, saw but part of the truth when, after preaching on the words, "I will be a wall of fire round about them," he dreamed he saw himself enclosed in a house of steel, through which, as through walls of glass, he could see his enemies assailing him, yet he remained unharmed, for his fortress was locked from above. Those invisible walls of steel are the very person of the Son of God. No storm breaks which breaks not first on Him. "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Seek His care, and God shall supply this your need.

Our other ever-present natural want is guidance. We need not only our daily bread and the guardian shield, but the touch of the Shepherd's crook as well. These three, sustenance, protection, and guidance, are the three-fold perfect support of our