

these was of divine appointment, and the works were those which God had before ordained. There is no room for self-exaltation and pride of heart. The crown of life is doubtless for those who have attained to a fuller knowledge of the eternal life. And how has this been possible? By continual occupation with that glory which has had a transforming effect. Those who eat of the fruit of the tree of life in the paradise of God will have had a taste for it cultivated while here in the world. Israel was given the manna in the wilderness; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers of honey; alas, it soon ceased to be a food to be desired, then it came to be loathed; and so it is now. The world in its various forms has come into the life of the church at large, and there is little interest in that adorable One in whom all interest should centre, and the end of this downward road is a distaste for the bread of life which came down from heaven.

O beloved child of God, are you on the decline? Have you ceased to find in Him en-