

that we shall probably never be able to read them all; but we believe that all creation is a revelation; and every chapter, and page, and paragraph of this book, with which we are acquainted, tell us much about God. He speaks through them to us; they are so many tongues telling us of his power, his wisdom, his love. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

God speaks to us in the revolving seasons of the year; the voice of God is heard in summer, and winter, in seed-time and harvest. The voice of God is heard in the murmuring of the stream, the howling of the tempest, the rolling of the thunder, and the raging of the sea. When the elements of nature are all excited and angry and in tumultuous agitation, or when "peace be still," is written on their tranquil breast, and they are all hushed to perfect rest, then we hear the voice of God. How beautiful, sublime and full of power is the poetry of Scripture on this subject! "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory. Ps. xxix, 3—5, 7—9.

The voice of God is also very distinctly heard in the dispensations of his providence. Whether he sends us joy or sorrow, prosperity or adversity, health or sickness, blessings or bereavements (indeed bereavements are often blessings in disguise), he speaks, that we may hear, he teaches that we may learn. "Be still and know that I am God," is the lesson which we should often learn from the dispensations of Divine providence.