

and the will with all its energies be roused to claim and possess the unspeakable blessing.

Come, my brethren, and let us day by day set ourselves at His feet, and meditate on this word of His, with an eye fixed on Him alone. Let us set ourselves in quiet trust before Him, waiting to hear His holy voice,—the still small voice that is mightier than the storm that rends the rocks,—breathing its quickening spirit within us, as He speaks: ‘Abide in me.’ The soul that truly hears *Jesus Himself speak the word*, receives with the word the power to accept and to hold the blessing He offers.

And may it please Thee, blessed Saviour, indeed, to speak to us; let each of us hear Thy blessed voice. May the feeling of our deep need, and the faith of Thy wondrous love, combined with the sight of the wonderfully blessed life Thou art waiting to bestow upon us, constrain us to listen and to obey, as often as Thou speakest: ‘Abide in me.’ Let day by day the answer from our heart be clearer and fuller: ‘Blessed Saviour, I do abide in Thee.