

ducted him to felicity. Looking back, as from an eminence, on the way which he now walks, how he shall trace and adore the steps of providence! He shall see the whole way and its wisdom,—that it was indeed the right way,—that the difficulties and dangers and pains of it were necessary,—and that all things have been made to work together for his good. From those scenes which here filled him with the most distressing doubts,—he shall raise a song of gratitude and praise.

Here, the Believer may be poor,—or, if blessed with affluence, his temporal comforts do not satisfy. Those friends who are his dearest solace, are like himself imperfect: often they are placed at a distance from him: sometimes, alas! they are removed by death. Here he finds that all temporal enjoyments, however valuable, are defective, transient, and momentary.

But hereafter, when he awakes he shall be satisfied:—for then he shall enter into heaven, a world of inconceivable glory, and of everlasting joy. There he shall meet his dear friends, who had died in faith, and slept in Jesus. He shall behold them perfect and glorious, and enjoy delightful fellowship with them for ever. There he shall dwell in his Father's house,—in the mansion his Saviour has prepared for him. There he shall possess the riches of glory,—the inheritance, which is incorruptible, undefiled, and which fadeth not away. What glorious things are spoken of the City of God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to which the Believer shall then be come! The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb, are the temple of it, and it has no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it; for the glory of God doth lighten it,—and the Lamb is the light thereof. In this glorious place he shall move among the company of the redeemed, and join them in the heavenly temple in serving God, who shall dwell among them,\* and in following the Lamb, who shall feed them and lead them unto living fountains of water. He shall come to that innumerable company of