

less thrive. This beautiful land is watered by the river of God, which is full of water, and as for light, the Lord God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. In this garden of the Lord we are fed on the finest of the wheat, and satisfied with honey out of the Rock. We sit under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit is sweet to our taste. You will find a description of that country and the laws that govern it, in Deut. xxx. 20. You are there introduced to a life divine, for He is thy life, and the length of thy days. At the portal you meet the laws to which you must subscribe if you become a resident. Such care has been taken in the preparation of this constitution that the wayfarer, though a fool, shall not err therein. Such simplicity and desirability was surely never before condensed in things so important.

Three simple conditions: 1st. "Thou mayest love the Lord thy God." Just think of it; love is the fulfilling of that condition. It don't require even an effort to love, one can love without trying. Just think of there being a strain about love. You can't imagine it or think it; we love, as we breathe, unconsciously.

Years ago we stood before the Scripture declaration, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." We took the contract, and tried to love enough to fill it. Ah me! no need to explain. You must know how we came out—completely used up, and the contract as big as ever. But when any honest soul wills to do His will, he shall know of the doctrine. We desired the right way, and the Comforter took us in hand, and led us up to Phil. ii. 13, "For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Oh, how that let us out. We couldn't produce love, but the God who is love could shed Himself abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost given unto us, so that being filled with God was being filled with love, and Christ in us lived out His life of love through us. "He circumcised our heart to love the Lord our God with all our heart" (Deut. xxx. 6). i.e., furnished us with love in Himself, which went out toward Himself with-

out effort. So that it is no more we that love, but the God of love who is within us. This is the great secret which was hidden from ages and from generations (Col. i. 26), which the world sought after in vain. And God says, "It is now made manifest to His saints," and Paul went through the world just to tell it, "Christ in you the hope of glory."

We can do all things through Christ which strengthens us; we can love enough, can have faith enough, can be fruitful enough, can be everything enough; for is not Christ in us, and made unto us everything that pertains unto life and Godliness? Oh, Jesus can live out His life anywhere, and work in us the love that enables us to fulfil this first condition of loving the Lord our God.

Condition No. 2. That thou mayest obey His voice.

You see, it is love first and obey next. Now, no one but the Lord of love could have fixed it so beautifully. We love Him because it is our nature; we can't do anything else. And we obey Him because He is love, and love's commands are not grievous. There is no friction in obedience to love; our language is, 'We delight to do Thy will, O God, Thy law is within my heart.' To obey His voice, it is necessary to hear that voice, and understand it. We need not get* in perplexity about hearing and understanding God's voice; for He in this also works in us to will and to do of His own good pleasure, and will see that we both hear and understand Him, else how could we obey a something we could not interpret? Now, in order to hear anything distinctly, it is necessary that we attend in that direction. To be really intent upon hearing anything that is very important, every other thing must be thrust aside if we would hear what we most desire. Now, to hear that still, small voice distinctly, the life spiritual and physical must be surrendered to God, so that He can banish from it all the world's noises, and make its acoustic properties such as will enable His faintest whisper to be heard. With the whole being thus brought into the most pleasant harmony with His every wish and will, could