

mandments;’ attend church regularly, and listen attentively to the public administration of God’s word. Seek to obtain the saving, regenerating grace of God. Never let the imperfections of professors of religion hinder you from becoming a Christian. The very fact that you know that they are wrong, may rise up to condemn you at the last day, for having known your Heavenly Father’s will, and having neglected to perform it. It is to be feared that many will approach so near the track which leads to glory, that the car of salvation will pass over them, and literally grind them to powder. Life is a mixture of joy and sorrow, smiles and tears, disappointments, crosses, bereavements, grief and pain, and finally death; but remember that you were created for a high and noble purpose. God has provided a higher, holier, and happier home for us, if we are prepared by his pardoning mercy and sanctifying grace. He has invited us to mingle with the bright intelligences of saints and angels, who continually surround the throne: and the capacities of your soul, for enjoyment, will continue to enlarge, while you contemplate His wonderful works, His glorious attributes, His infinite perfections. And when you drop this body of clay, your nobler faculties will be illumined with the blazing lustre of glory, and your soul filled with the fulness of God: you will there find flowers that never fade, and fruit that never decays. Remember, you were a peculiar blessing to me in the time of affliction, sent to claim the affection once