

of faith is this: God Himself the portion of our inheritance and our cup; He maintaineth our lot.

The lines fallen in pleasant places, I believe to be His joy as man in God, and in what was before God. In what follows we have the active expression of this life, in reference to God. "I will bless Jehovah who giveth me counsel." We need in divine life the positive instruction of wisdom, counsel; wisdom, a divine clue and direction in the confusion of evil in this world—to be wise concerning that which is good. "Not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time," "not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Jehovah gives counsel. So "if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to every man liberally and upbraideth not."

There is the immense privilege of the positive direction and guidance of God—the interest He feels in guiding the godly man aright, in the true path suited to God Himself—across the wilderness where there is no way. So Christ walked. So He guides His sheep, going before them; and now we are led of the Spirit of God, as ourselves sons of God. It is the divine path of wisdom, which the vulture's eye hath not seen; the path of man, but of man with the life of God, going towards the presence of God and the incorruptible inheritance. God gives counsel for it. I repeat He is interested in the guidance of the man of God, and the soul blesses Him. In this path Christ trod. The written word is the great means of this, still there is

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