

delight, whom I worship, and from whom all my comfort and joy come. Though we may have reason to distrust man, we have no reason to distrust God.

4. David regarded the wilderness a dry and thirsty land, where was no water, because he did not there enjoy the services of God in the sanctuary. The Christian should love the house of God. The world to the Christian is a dry and thirsty land, where no water—no means of the happiness for which his soul specially yearns, is. Its wealth, its pleasures, its companionships, its honours, cannot satisfy his soul. God is the "fountain of living waters"—the source of bliss to the children of God. The invitation to the thirsty sons of men spending money for what is not bread, is "Come ye to the waters," come ye "eat that which is good."

5. The Psalmist longed for God, "my soul thirsteth for thee, my soul longeth for thee," he says in his address to God, (1) God has endowed man with desire. (2) Desire must have an object. (3) The object of desire is something that appears to be good. There is in every man a craving after something fitted to impart satisfaction. "O who will show us any good" is the language of the actions of those who have not found God as the *summum bonum*—the chief good—of their souls. (4) Longing for God implies a knowledge of God. We do not desire that of which we know nothing. If we desire any object, we know something about it, and it appears to us to be good. It may not be really good. But if we desire it, it seems to be good. If it appears bad to us, we do not desire it. The Psalmist longed for God, because he knew God as good, as love to his soul. He knew that his "loving-kindness is better than life." Therefore, he says "my soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness." God has revealed himself, so that we may know him, in his works, his dealings with us, and in his word. That in the word of God, which specially unfolds his goodness to us, so that we may desire him is the Cross, "God so loved men that" he gave Jesus to die for them. In the love of God's infinite heart, there is a never-failing source of happiness for the human spirit. It is because God is a God of love and salvation in Jesus that he is the resting-place for man's sin-burdened soul. Ah! sinner, there is nothing in the world to meet the wants of thy soul. To be satisfied you must turn away from the world, and turn to God, as your portion. Know him as God that loves thy soul, and gave Jesus to die for thee, and be at peace. Believer, feast thy soul on the love of God.

The soul that longs for God, longs to know more about God, to enjoy