

truth, because we do not visibly discern the hand that supplies them? Shall we forget it, because they are matters of every day's recurrence? Shall the very fact that ought to melt our hearts under the unceasing exercise of divine benevolence, be suffered to render them callous and unfeeling? Still, as if to meet even this pernicious tendency in our corrupt hearts, there is another provision made in what we are wont to term the extraordinary events of Providence. There are our rescues in the seasons of imminent peril, our preservations from impending calamities, our exemptions from visitations which desolate other homes, and fill with sadness the hearts of those who seemed to need them far less than ourselves! Is there one here to-night who has reached to years of maturity who cannot look back upon his past life, and trace in it some signal proof of divine interposition in his behalf? some evidence of the special providence of God displayed in such a way, as to compel him to recognise His agency? some token of sparing mercy so plain, so palpable, so visibly stamped with the seal of heaven, as almost to extort from his lips the exclamation, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies?" It is true that these extraordinary interpositions of heaven are only extraordinary to *us*; they are in reality, but the continuation of that constant exercise of a beneficent Providence, by which we live, move, and have our being. It is the same power exerted for the same object, only in the *manner* of its exertion rendered the more palpable to us. Yet in the very fact that it is *thus* exerted, that the manner arrests our attention, that the power is seen, that the appeal is felt, we have a fresh summons to meditate upon the goodness of God. Surely it is this view of the subject which David indicates in the 107th Psalm, where, after enumerating the various interpositions of Providence in behalf of the Traveller, the Captive, the Sick, the Mariner,