

edge or bliss of heaven. The "song is a song of degrees"—it is worth contending for, brethren.

We have presented to you the facts of the sinner's bondage, his deliverance by grace in Christ Jesus, his voluntary captivity in the service of God, his progress in Christian life, and fruitfulness in holiness, his elevation to the highest position in the gift of his Master, sustained and enforced by highest authority and the strongest claims; and "what shall we more say?" Shall we review the longsuffering mercy of God, the infinite merit and power of a living INTERCESSOR, the compassionate and persistent strivings of the Holy Spirit, the joys of eternal life, the miseries of everlasting woe, the degrading character of the service of sin, the everlasting and ennobling influence of the service of Christ, to persuade you to be reconciled to God?

There is a throne of grace, and He who sits thereon invites you to it. There is an open fountain, and pardon offered to the most deeply guilty. Purity for the most degraded sinner, liberty for the most despairing captive, new life for all who are dead in sin. Jesus calls you, do not persistently turn away from His entreaties; consent that He shall break the yoke of sin off your neck, and by the mighty energy of the Holy Spirit present you faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy, and thus elevate you, His *willing* captive, from the *dungeon* to the THRONE.