

"psalms or hymns" spoken of above, making melody in our hearts to the Lord. Or let us recall some comforting text, and thus encourage every impulse to look on the bright side. What an effect would your daily life, thus manifestly cheered and sustained by a Heavenly Presence, have on your children and all about you!

Thus may we rejoice always, and give thanks for *all things*.

THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.

"This world never saw but one character in whom all the varieties of intellectual and moral greatness centred; blending in that divine and ravishing harmony, which may be termed the music of the soul. There never was but one who reconciled the extremes of universal excellence; in whom the vastest intellect and the tenderest sensibility, the calmest judgment and the keenest feelings, co-existed, without disturbing one another; in whom magnanimity was not tinged with pride; in whom humility was never meanness; whose charity was never consumed by the fierce fire of zeal, nor an honest zeal damped by the excess of charity; whose pity for the wretched never mitigated abhorrence of vice, nor the sternest regard for the majesty of truth diminished the most touching compassion for human frailty; in a word, in whom greatness and lowliness, courage and fortitude, zeal and patience, incorruptible truth and more than human gentleness, and a thousand opposite virtues more, were divinely attempered; uniting the various rays of moral excellence in one glorious emanation of wisdom and of love. That character was Jesus Christ, in whom dwelt, indeed, all the fullness of the godhead; and whose humanity was but a veil through which streamed, in softened radiance, the otherwise insufferable effulgence of Deity. Any merely human character approximates towards perfection, just as he approaches or recedes from this great example; and by it we may safely take the measurement and proportions of any given specimen of human excellence."—*Henry Rogers.*

Come to Jesus.

THAT YOU MAY ENTER HEAVEN—COME.

As there is a place of punishment for the wicked, so there is a heaven of glory for all who come to Jesus. God, in his great love to sinners, sent his Son not only to deliver them from hell, but to make them happy and glorious with him for ever. When a believer dies, though his body decays, his soul is at once with Jesus, which is "far better." How delightful is the description the Bible gives of heaven. We are told that sickness, sorrow, and death never enter there; that cares, fears, and anxieties are never felt there; that poverty, privation, unkindness, and disappointment are never known there. The body that will rise from the grave will be "incorruptible," and will never experience pain, weariness, or decay. Old age will never enfeeble, for there will be perpetual youth; and death will never snatch away those we love, for death itself shall be destroyed. What is still better, there will be no more sin, but all hearts will be full of holy love to God, and to one another. Every one will rejoice in the society and happiness of every one else, and God himself will dwell among them. All the good men of former ages will be there—the martyrs, and apostles, and prophets. There, too, we shall meet with angels and archangels; and more than all, we shall behold Jesus in his glorified human body—we shall see his face, and ever be with the Lord. To show how glorious heaven is, it is compared to a city with streets of gold, gates of pearl, and walls of jasper and emerald; to a paradise with a river clear as crystal, and the tree of life with healing leaves; to a place of rest after labor; to a father's house, a happy home. "They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. In his presence is fulness of joy, and at his right hand are pleasures for evermore." The best joys of earth are soon gone. Riches fly, health decays, friends depart, death is written on all things. But the joys of heaven are for ever, and for ever, and for ever.—Reader, this heaven may be thine. Jesus keeps the door, but he has opened it wide for all sinners to enter. If you will not come to Jesus, you cannot enter heaven; for he is the door, the only door. But he invites you to come. Yes, however guilty and vile you are, heaven may, and certainly *will* be yours, if you come to Jesus. "To you is the word of this salvation sent." O then for heavenly bliss, come to Jesus.

See John 14: 1-6; 1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 4: 17-18; 5: 1-4; Rev. 21-22.—[Come to Jesus.