

But to true believers in Jesus, I can (from blessed experience) affirm of their pleasures :

“ Your’s are the joys which satisfy
And sanctify the mind ;
Which make the spirit mount on high,
And leave the world behind.”

Well may I exclaim with the Psalmist, ‘ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.’ He hath visited me in my distress, and poured into my soul a large supply of his consolations ; I will therefore praise him as long as I live ; I will daily call upon him to continue to feed me with this heavenly manna, and to daily refresh my soul with renewed springs of the water of life.

Reader, if your soul, from perusing this dialogue, should be brought out of trouble, and encouraged to go on thy way rejoicing in the finished work of your Redeemer, my end will be answered. Give God the glory, as it is he alone who brings his people out of their distresses ; and never forget if you should at any future time be bowed down under a sense of your sins and unworthiness, that the same almighty power is ever near to deliver you again and again.

Remember that He who has promised, is not only able, but willing to answer the petitions of all who call upon him in the hour of trouble, so that you may unite with the Psalmist, and say ‘ why art thou cast down O my soul ? and why art thou disquieted within me ? hope in God : *for I shall yet praise him* who is the health of my countenance and my God.’ [Psalm xliii. 5.] O the boundless compassion of the adorable Saviour ! every thing is treasured up in him that his people stand in need of, and out of his fullness they may receive it by asking in prayer for a supply. If you want *mercy* to pardon your sins and deliver you from guilt, as well as to relieve you under all your complicated miseries, he is ever ready to bestow this incalculable blessing upon you. If you want *wisdom* to direct and guide you, (through the intricate mazes of this sinful world,) to your eternal home, as well as to cure you of your ignorance, he is ever nigh to impart this blessing also.

If you want *holiness* to subdue and conquer your inbred depravity ; *riches* to chase away your poverty, and *plenty* to supply your wants, He is an omnipotent, omnipresent, and faithful friend, who will never withhold any good thing from you, or finally suffer you to perish, but having promised you eternal life, he will be sure to bring you at last to shout victory over all your enemies, and cause you to triumph in redeeming love through eternity. Such a prospect as this is, (as Dr. Watt’s describes it.) ‘ a heaven began below,’ and nothing short of perfect bliss can satisfy the desires of a heaven-born soul.