

salvation"—then, we shall find the power of God speaking to us in the fulness and love of His word. So merciful and so faithful is God in His dealings towards His own people, that when they seem determined to follow after idols, he speaks to them thus:—"Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now. And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies: I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness; and thou shalt know the Lord": Hos. 2.

In what way will such a knowledge of God affect us? In like manner as it did David, when in gratitude he exclaimed—"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord": Psa. 116.

"I long to be with Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus—
The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus,
Amid the heavenly throng,
To sing with saints His praises,
To learn the angels' song."