

in this fortified place. None can scale its walls,—then,—take up the confession, “The Lord is my refuge and my fortress.”

The next in order is :

RAMOTH, in Mount Gilead. Ramoth signifies a high place. This city would be seen by the manslayer, when he was yet distant from it, and, what an object of expectation and encouragement it would be to him ! No intervening object would possess any attraction when compared with this : the manslayer must not linger, but urge his course onward to the conspicuous Ramoth. There was wisdom in having a city of refuge set on a hill, that it might be easily discerned in the distance : the traveller is encouraged by a sight of the place to which he designs to travel. Much more would the manslayer be nerved for the remainder of his flight by a sight of the distant Ramoth. The Lord is “a high place.” You may see him in the distance. He is set up conspicuously to the view of the sinner. He is raised upon the Gospel Mount, so that all may see him, and run to him and be safe. The crooked ways have been made straight, and the rough places plain. The hills have been levelled and the valleys exalted, so that all flesh may behold the salvation of God. Men have sought to darken that Ramoth to the view of the sinner by unconditional decrees, and limited provisions. Let men turn to the testimony, and the mind will rise above these darkening objects. The Lord is exhibited in the Gospel for all ; He is raised high above the sinner's sins. The Lord is elevated above the sinner's works : This Gospel Ramoth is a refuge from the punishment of sin, and also from its power. The man who is on this “high place,” occupies vantage ground. The man who is on the summit of the hill, can see farther than the spectator in the plain. The man who is down upon a level with the waters of the ocean cannot see so far out as he who is perched on the rocky cliff. They are both on the look out for a homeward bound vessel ; but, the man on the cliff will see it long before his neighbour who is down upon the level shore. So from this Gospel Ramoth, the believer can see far out upon the world, its snares, and its temptations. From this height the soul can see far into the loving heart of God. And, from this Gospel eminence a Pisgah view of the inheritance may be obtained. By faith, the sinner may look once upon that land, that flows with milk and honey. Are you on this Ramoth by faith ? Do you say, with the understanding and with the heart, “The Lord is my refuge and my fortress”?