

things in a different light, but he has got into his possession a treasure, full of the substantial elements of happiness, which he would not exchange for all that the world contains, if he had it. Whatever is precious and excellent comes into a man's heart as soon as the Gospel comes—pardon, reconciliation with God, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, grace and strength according to his day, comfort and support in the day of trouble, resignation to the divine will at all times, triumph over the last enemy, and glory inconceivable in the end. "Men shall be blessed in Him." This refers to the blessings which come to every believing soul in every place, and at any time. And for what purpose are these blessings bestowed upon any? Is it that they may rest in self-complacency and satisfaction with them? Certainly not. Is it not that they may long and pray, and labour, and give, that the same blessings may be conveyed to all to whom they may have access, and even to the ends of the earth?

2. It is added, "All nations shall call Him blessed." This refers to the willing subjugation of all to his sway, as most benign, and just, and full of mercy. "All power," he said before his ascension, "all power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." And "He must reign till all his enemies are made his footstool." Messiah shall be king over all the earth: "In that day there shall be one Lord, and his name one." We cannot, my friends, attempt anything like a probable description of what will be the state of our long sin-diseased and groaning world, when the influence of "Him whose name shall endure forever" is thus to extend far and wide among the empires of the world. Is there anything beautiful in light? Light