

time, at the several new symptoms of his dissolution, he was so far from being damped, that he seemed to be animated; as being glad at the appearances of death's approach. He often used the epithet, *glorious*, when speaking of the day of his *death*, calling it *that glorious day*. And as he saw his dissolution gradually approaching, he was much in talking about it, and also settling all his affairs; very particularly and minutely giving directions concerning what he would have done. And, the nearer death approached, the more desirous he seemed to be of it. He several times spake of the different kinds of *willingness to die*; and spoke of it as a mean kind of willingness to die, to be willing to leave the body only to get rid of pain.

Saturday, September 19. While I attempted to walk a little, my thoughts turned thus; "How infinitely sweet is it, to love God, and be all for him!" Upon which it was suggested to me, "You are not an angel, lively and active." "To which my soul immediately replied, I as sincerely desire to love and glorify God, as an angel in heaven." Upon which it was suggested again, "But you are filthy, and not fit for heaven." Hereupon instantly appeared the blessed robes of Christ's *righteousness*, which I could not but exult and triumph in; and I viewed the infinite excellency of God, and my soul even broke with longings, that God should be *glorified*. I thought of dignity in heaven: but instantly the thought returned, "I do not go to heaven to get honour, but to give all possible glory and praise." O, how I longed that God should be glorified on *earth* also! O, I was made for eternity, if God might be glorified! *Bodily pains* I cared not for; though I was then in extremity, I never felt easier; I felt willing to *glorify God* in that state, as long as he pleased. The *grave* appeared really sweet, and I longed to lodge my weary bones in it: but O, that God might be *glorified*! this was the burden of all my cry. O, I knew, I should be *active* as an angel, in heaven; and that