

flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church, (so we can say, even as the Lord does *us*) for we are members of His body." And I find that I seem to be able to have Him more blessedly and constantly before me when I am bearing in mind that *I am always before Him*, and an object of love and sympathy and interest *to Him*, than when I merely *try* and have Him *before me*, as an object *to me*. For the fact is, that He becomes an object to us and before us that we look to and enjoy, just in proportion as we take in and believe that we are an object to Him unceasingly and constantly, and precious to Him, for "He withdraweth not His eyes from the righteous."

. . . Yours affectionately in Him,

"BY THE WORDS OF THY MOUTH HAVE
I KEPT ME FROM THE PATHS OF THE
DESTROYER."

Jesus, enjoying in His own Person and relationship with God as Son of God, the light of His countenance, goes into the wilderness for forty days to be in conflict with the enemy. He did not go away from man, and from all intercourse with man, and the things of man, in order (like Moses and Elias) to be with God. Being already fully with God He is separate from men by the power of the Holy Ghost to be alone in His conflict with the enemy. In the case of Moses, it was man out of his natural condition to be with God. In the case