

and undone condition in a great degree : fearing almost every thing that I saw, that it was against me, commissioned from God to call me away, and I unprepared : I was even afraid of trees falling on me, when I was in the woods, and in a time of thunder would expect that the next flash of lightning would be commissioned to cut me off. Thus I was one of the unhappiest creatures that lived on earth ; and would promise and vow, in time of danger, that I would leave all my carnal mirth and vain company, and that I would never rest, until I had found rest to my soul : but when the danger appeared to be over I would soon return to my folly, though not without great reluctance ; for the spirit of God wrought with such power that it followed me night and day, when I was in company or when I was retired ; but I was so attached to young company and frolicking, that it seemed like parting with my life to leave them. Although many will say, they must wait God's time, and wait for God's irresistible power to put them in his way, and they wish God's time was come ; yet for my part I have nothing of that to say, for I knew that God would not mock me ; I knew that he followed me night and day intreating me to forsake all and accept of him : and I knew that going to such carnal mirth, and hugging my idols was against his spirit and against my everlasting happiness ; and yet I would go and hug my pleasures, still hoping and praying that God would not seize the forfeiture at my hands, nor leave me to myself. I plead that God would let me enjoy my pleasures a little longer, and call me by and by. So I would of choice put off the Lord when going to my carnal mirth and company, would pray to God not to cut me off, when I got there, nor suffer me to give way to any sin ; and thus I have not only stopped to pray as I was going, but sometimes prayed all the way, that God would keep me from sinning, when I was determined to go, and rush on the devil's ground. I knew I could not refrain myself from sinning ; yea I knew it was sin for me even to go in such company, if I remained wholly passive, when I got there ; as I promised I would. O the subtlety of the devil and the deceitfulness of man's heart ! If the Lord had not been infinite in mercy, I should have been lost for ever ; for I still continued my evil ways, and hugged my idols. Sometimes when I knew that a great frolick was intended, which I wanted to attend, I would begin for sometime be-