

An important thing comes out here, that not only should we have communion with His mind in all that meets us in the wilderness, but there is another sort of communion to be enjoyed—communion responsive to the desire of His heart. ‘Even so come Lord Jesus.’ The effect of the bright light shining down has been, that we have found that this earth would not do for our future course, and we know because we have it revealed, that He means to come and take us to heaven. This thought has given joy in persecution. But what is the thought of being in heaven compared with the thought of His coming to take us there? At times our hearts are drooping and we are “hardly bestead;” but what is anything we have to pass through here, if one has the consciousness of being able to respond to Him “Even so come Lord Jesus.” “Thou dost desire, Lord, to take up thy people, and most blessed it will to be up there.” Is the desire of the Lord Jesus to come which is put forth here, burning in my heart? If I know his desire to come, am I able to say, “Even so, come?” It is really having communion with that heart of His, where every thought is the Father’s will, and who has been waiting eighteen hundred years to come and take up the people given by the Father—He the Bridegroom, they the Bride.

It is an immense help to remember that the