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January First

Do not forget

“... the fashion of this world passeth away” 1 Corinthians 7:31.

A believer stands on a watch-tower — things present are below his feet — things eternal are before his eyes. A little while, brethren, and the day of grace will be over — preaching, praying will be done. Soon we shall give over wrestling with an unbelieving world — soon the number of believers shall be complete, and the sky open over our heads, and Christ shall come. His parting cry was: “Surely I come quickly.” Then we shall see Him “whom, having not seen, we loved.” A little while, and we shall stand before the great white throne; a little while, and the wicked shall not be — we shall see them going away into everlasting punishment; a little while, and the work of eternity shall be begun. We shall be like Him — we shall see Him day and night in His temple — we shall sing the new song, without sin and without weariness, for ever and ever. In a little moment, brethren, all this shall be: “For a small moment have I hid My face from thee; but with everlasting mercies will I gather thee.”

January Second

Self dedication

“One shall say I am the Lord’s” Isaiah 44:5.

Oh! There is no greater joy than for a believing soul to give himself all to God. This has always been the way in times of refreshing. It was so at Pentecost. First they gave their own selves unto the Lord. It was so with Boston, and Doddridge, and Edwards, and all the holy men of old.

“I have this day been before God,” says Edwards, “and have given myself — all that I am and have — to God; so that I am in no respect my own. I can challenge no right in myself — in this understanding, this will, these affections. Neither have I right to this body, or any of its members — no right to this tongue, these hands,

these feet, these eyes, these ears. I have given myself clean away.”

Oh! would that you knew the joy of giving yourself away. You cannot keep yourself. Oh! this day try and give all to Him. Lie in His hand.

January Third

Where lies the blame

“... brethren pray for us” 2 Thessalonians 3:1.

Prayer is more powerful than preaching. It is prayer that gives preaching all its power. I observe that some Christians are very ready to censure ministers, and to complain of their preaching — of their coldness — their unfaithfulness. God forbid that I should ever defend unfaithful preaching, or coldness, or deadness, in the ambassador of Christ! May my right hand sooner forget its cunning! But I do say, where lies the blame of unfaithfulness? where, but in the want of faithful praying? Why, the very hands of Moses would have fallen down, had they not been held up by faithful people. Come, then, ye wrestlers with God — ye that climb Jacob’s ladder — ye that wrestle Jacob’s wrestling — strive you with God, that He may fulfil His word.

January Fourth

Look beyond

“For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring” Isaiah 44:3.

Learn to look beyond ministers for a work of grace. God has given much honour to His ministers; but not the pouring out of the Spirit. He keeps that in His own hand: “I will pour.” “It is not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” Alas! we would have little hope, if it depended upon ministers; for where are our men of might now? God is as able to do it today as He was at the day of Pentecost; but men are taken up with ministers, and not with God. As long as you look to ministers, God cannot pour; for you would say it came from man. Ah! cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils. One would think we would be

humbled in the dust by this time. In how many parishes of Scotland has God raised up faithful men, who cease not day and night to warn every one with tears! and yet still the heavens are like brass, and the earth like iron. Why? Just because your eye is on man, and not on God. Oh! look off man to Him, and He will pour; and His shall be all the glory.

January Fifth

Believers shall grow like willows

“And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses” Isaiah 44:4.

There is nothing more distressing in our day than the want of growth among the children of God. They do not seem to press forward — they do not seem to be running a race. When I compare this year with last year, alas! where is the difference? — the same weakness — the same coldness; nay, I fear, greater languor in divine things. How different when the Spirit is poured out! They shall be like willows. You have seen the willow, how it grows — ceases not day or night, ever growing, ever shooting out new branches. Cut it down — it springs again. Ah! so would you be, dear Christians, if there were a flood-time of the Spirit — a day of Pentecost.

January Sixth

Little Fruit!

“Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession” Psalm 2:8.

Two farmers possessed two fields that lay next to each other. The one had rich crops, the other very scanty ones. “How comes it,” said the one to the other, “that your fields bear so well, and mine so poorly, when my land is as good as yours?”

“Why, neighbour,” said the other, “the reason is this, you only sow your field, but I both sow mine and harrow in the seed.” Just so, my dear friends, there is little fruit among Christians, because there is little harrowing in by prayer. I think I could name many Christians among you who do not know one another, and never pray

one with another. What wonder that there is little fruit!

January Seventh

Christ, the key to the Scriptures

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself”
Luke 24:27.

Every gracious man is not an infallible man. Learn to search patiently into the meaning of His (Christ’s) words, by comparing Scripture with Scripture, and especially going to Him for light. When you are reading a book in a dark room and found it difficult, you take it to a window to get more light. So take your Bible to Christ.

January Eighth

Bread upon the waters

“Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days” Ecclesiastes 11:1.

The excellent John Flavel was minister of Dartmouth, in England. One day he preached from these words: “If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema maranatha.” The discourse was unusually solemn, particularly the explanation of the curse. At the conclusion, when Mr. Flavel rose to pronounce the blessing, he paused, and said, — “How shall I bless this whole assembly, when every person in it who loves not the Lord Jesus is anathema maranatha?” The solemnity of this address deeply affected the audience.

In the congregation was a lad named Luke Short, about fifteen years old, a native of Dartmouth. Shortly after he went to sea, and sailed to America, where he passed the rest of his life. His life was lengthened far beyond the usual term. When a hundred years old, he was able to work on his farm, and his mind was not at all impaired. He had lived all this time in carelessness and sin; he was a sinner a hundred years old, and ready to die accursed. One day, as he sat in his field, he busied himself in reflecting on his past life. He thought of the days of his youth. His memory fixed on Mr. Flavel’s sermon, a considerable part of which he remembered. The earnestness of the

minister, the truths spoken, the effect on the people, all came fresh to his mind. He felt that he had not loved the Lord Jesus; he feared the dreadful anathema; he was deeply convinced of sin, was brought to the blood of sprinkling. He lived to his one hundred and sixteenth year, giving every evidence of being born again. Ah! how faithful God is to His word. He did let none of His words fall to the ground.

Be of good cheer. Christian mothers, who weep over your unawakened children. They may be going far from you, perhaps across the seas, and you tremble for their souls. Remember God can reach them everywhere. A believing mother never prayed in vain. Be instant in prayer. God will not forget His word. He will let none of His words fall to the ground.

January Ninth

The revealer of Christ

“He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you” John 16:14.

Dear friends, has the Spirit glorified Christ to you? He is still the great revealer of Christ. He shines into our heart, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ. Has He led you to the altar, to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world? Has He clothed you in the high priest’s garments? Has He brought you within the veil, to the mercy seat? This is His delightful work. Oh! it is a sweet work to be the minister on earth that leads souls to Christ, that points, like John, and says: “Behold the Lamb of God.” But O how infinitely more loving is that Holy Spirit of God to lead trembling souls to Jesus! Oh! praise Him that has done this for you. Oh! love the Spirit of God. “Thy Spirit is good: lead me to the land of uprightness.”

January Tenth

The answer to your prayer

“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” John 4:14.

My dear friends, have you received the Holy Ghost, since you believed? It appears to me that few Christians realize this river

flowing after them. Oh! what inexpressible love and grace there is in this work of the Spirit. Is there any of you weak and faint, and ready to perish under a wicked heart, and raving lusts? or, have you got a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet you? and are you driven to pray that it may be taken from you? See here the answer to your prayer. A river of living water flows from Christ. There is enough here for all your wants. "My grace is sufficient for thee; for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Some of you are afraid of the future; you fear Some approaching temptation: you fear some coming contest. See here the river flows after you; the Spirit will abide with you for ever. Oh! what love is here! Notwithstanding all your sinfulness, and weakness, and unbelief, still He abides with you, and will for ever. He is "a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

January Eleventh

The victory of the blood

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb ..."
Revelation 12:11.

We wrestle not with flesh and blood. An awakened soul has often an awful warfare with Satan. Satan fights against him in two ways: first, by stirring up his corruptions, and making his lusts to flame and burn within him in a fearful manner. Second, by accusing him. Satan is the accuser of the brethren. He accuses him in his conscience, in order to drive him away from Christ, to drive him to despair, and to give up all hope of salvation. He says to him: "Thou art a vile wretch, not fit for a holy Saviour; see what raging lusts are in thy heart, thou wilt never be saved." Ah! When the poor sinner runs into Christ, he finds rest there; his warfare is then accomplished. He sees all the accusations of Satan answered in the blood of the Lamb.

January Twelfth

When the soul faints

"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth"

Hebrews 12:5, 6.

Ah! it is a sad thing when the soul faints under the rebukes of God. They were intended to lead you deeper into Christ; into a fuller enjoyment of God. Do not faint when thou art rebuked of Him. When a soul comes to Christ, he expects to be led to heaven in a green, soft pathway, without a thorn. On the contrary, he is led into darkness; poverty stares him in the face, or bereavement writes him childless, or persecutions embitter his life; and now his soul remembers the wormwood and the gall. He forgets the love and wisdom that are dealing with him; he says, "I am the man that hath seen affliction. The Lord hath forsaken me, and my God hath forgotten me."

January Thirteenth

Infinite love

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" 1 John 4:8.

A mother's love is the fullest love which we have on earth. She loves with all her heart. But there is no love more full but that of God toward His Son; God loves Jesus fully; the whole heart of the Father is, as it were, continually poured down in love upon the Lord Jesus. There is nothing in Christ except what draws the infinite love of God. In Him God sees His own image perfect, His own law acted out, His own will done. The Father loves the Son fully; but when a soul comes into Christ, the same love rests on that soul: "That the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them" (John 17:26).

January Fourteenth

Unchanging love

"... having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end" John13:1.

A mother's love is, of all creature-love, the most unchangeable. A boy leaves his father's roof, he crosses a thousand seas, he labours beneath a foreign sky; he comes back, he finds his aged mother changed, her head is grey, her venerable brow is furrowed with age; still he feels, while she clasps him to her bosom, that her heart is the

same. But, ah! Far more unchanging is the love of God to Christ, and to a soul in Christ: “I am the Lord; I change not.” The Father that loves has no variableness. Jesus, who is loved, is the same, yesterday, today, and for ever. How can that love change? It flowed before the world was; it will flow when the world has passed away.

If you are in Christ, that love shines on you: “I have loved thee with an everlasting love.” “I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

January Fifteenth

Be fervent in praise

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name”
Hebrews 13:15.

And, oh! be fervent in praise. Lift up your voices in it — lift up your hearts in it. In heaven they wax louder and louder. John heard the sound of a great multitude; and then it was like many waters, and then it was like mighty thunderings, crying: “Hallelujah! hallelujah!” I remember Edwards’ remark, “that it was in the singing of praises that his people felt themselves most enlarged, and that then God was worshipped somewhat in the beauty of holiness.”

Let it be so among yourselves. Learn, dearly beloved, to praise God heartily — to sing with all your heart and soul in the family and in the congregation. But, oh! remember that even your praises must be sprinkled with blood, and can be acceptable to God only by Jesus Christ.

January Sixteenth

A lesson from the sun

“... among whom ye shine as lights in the world”
Philippians 2:15.

It is quite right to help the heathen at home; but it is just as right to help the heathen abroad. Oh! That God would free you from a

narrow mind, and give you His own divine Spirit. Learn a lesson from the sun. It shines both far and near; it does not pour its beams all into one sunny valley, or on one bright land. No; it journeys on from shore to shore; pours its rich beams upon the wide ocean; on the torrid sands of Africa and the icy coasts of Greenland. Go you and do likewise. Shine as lights in the world.

January Seventeenth

David's prayer

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law” Psalm 119:18.

Are there not some who read the Bible, but get little from it? You feel that it does not sink into your heart — it does not remain with you through the week. It is like the seed cast in the way-side, easily plucked away. Oh! it is just such an outpoured Spirit you require, to hide the Word in your heart. When you write with a dry pen, without any ink in it, no impression is made upon the paper. Now, ministers are the pens, and the Spirit of God is the ink. Pray that the pen may be filled with that living ink — that the Word may remain in your heart, known and read of all men — that you may be sanctified through the truth.

January Eighteenth

When heaven came down

“So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God” 2 Chronicles 5:14.

Before the cloud came down, no doubt the priests were all busily engaged burning incense and offering sacrifices; but when the cloud came down, they could only wonder and adore. So it ever will be when the Lord gives much of His Spirit; He will make it evident that it is not the work of man.

If He were to give only a little, then ministers would begin to think they had some hand in it; but when He fills the house, then He makes it plain that man has nothing to do with it. David Brainerd said, that when God awakened his whole congregation of Indians, he stood by amazed, and felt that he was as nothing — that God

alone was working.

Oh! it is this, dear friends, that we desire and pray for — that the Lord the Spirit would Himself descend, and with His almighty power tear away the veil from your hearts, convince you of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that Jesus Himself would take His sceptre and break your hard hearts, and take all the glory, that we may cry out: “Not unto us, Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory.”

January Nineteenth

Asked to a feast

“I am the living bread which cometh down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world”
John 6:51.

Christians, learn to feed more on Christ: “Eat, O friends! drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved!” When you are asked to a feast, there is no greater affront you can put upon the entertainer than by being content with a crumb below the table. Yet this is the way the Christians of our day affront the Lord of glory. Oh how few seem to feed much on Christ! how few seem to put on His white flowing raiment! how few seem to drink deep into His Spirit! Most are content with now and then a glimpse of pardon, a crumb from the table, and a drop of His Spirit. Awake, dear friends! “These things have I spoken unto you that your joy may be full.”

January Twentieth

The grand object

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” Ephesians 5:27.

Some are afraid they will never be holy: “I shall fall under my sin.” You shall be made holy. It was for this Christ died. This was the grand object He had in view. This was what was in His eye; to build a holy Church out of a world of lost sinners; to pluck brands out of the fire, and make them trees of righteousness; to choose poor, black souls, and make them fair brothers and sisters round His

throne. Christ will not lose this object.

Look up, then; be not afraid. He redeemed you to make you holy. Though you had a million of worlds opposing you, He will do it: “He is faithful, who also will do it.”

January Twenty-first

A threefold grace

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich” 2 Corinthians 8:9.

When Jesus washed the disciples’ feet, when He came to Peter, Peter said: “Lord, dost thou wash my feet?” Three things amazed him:

1. The glorious being that knelt down before him: “Thou.”
2. The lowly action He was going to perform: “Dost Thou wash?”
3. The vile wretch whose feet were to be washed: “My feet.” He was amazed at the grace of the Lord Jesus.

So in this amazing work you may see a threefold grace:

1. The glorious being that undertook for sinners: “He who was rich.”
2. The depth to which He stooped: “He became poor.”
3. The wretches whose souls were to be washed: “For your sakes.” Ah! well may you be amazed this day, and cry out: “Dost Thou wash my soul?”

January Twenty-second

The true smitten rock

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink” John 7:37.

The feast of tabernacles was intended to be a picture of the time when the fathers of the Jewish nation lived in tents in the wilderness. It was intended to remind them that they too were strangers and pilgrims in the wilderness, and that they were journeying to a better land. But there was one thing in the wilderness which they had no resemblance of in the feast of tabernacles — the smitten rock which gave out rivers of water. In

order to make up for this deficiency, it is said that on the last day of the feast the Jews used to draw water in a golden pitcher from the Fountain of Siloam, and pour it out upon the morning sacrifice, as it lay upon the altar. They did this with great rejoicing, having palm branches in their hand, and singing the twelfth chapter of Isaiah. Now it was on this very day, perhaps at that very time, that Jesus stood up in the midst of them, and, as if He wished to show them that He was the true smitten rock, cried: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink."

January Twenty-third

Rivers of water

"And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also" Numbers 20:11.

Christ is the smitten rock, because His blood has been poured out for sin.

1. The rock was smitten before it gave out the stream. So is it with Christ. He was smitten of God and afflicted. He bore the wrath of God; and therefore His blood gushed forth, and cleanses from all sin. Oh! you that fear to be smitten of God, wash in this blood — it flowed from a smitten rock.

2. The water gushed forth abundantly when Moses smote the rock. It was no scanty stream — it was enough for all the thousands of Israel, and for their cattle; and so is it with the blood of the Saviour. It is no scanty stream. There are no sins it cannot wash out, there is no sinner beyond its reach, there is enough here for all the thousands of Israel.

3. It was a constant supply: "They drank of the spiritual rock which followed them, and that rock was Christ." We are not expressly told in the Old Testament that the waters of the smitten rock did actually follow the camp of Israel, but some learned divines are of opinion that it was so — that the water continued to flow wherever Israel went; so that it might be said the smitten rock followed them. So is it with Christ. He is a rock that follows us. He is like rivers of water in a dry place. You may wash, and wash again.

January Twenty-fourth

Fruitful to the last

“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing” Psalm 92:12-14.

The palm tree and cedar have both this wonderful property, that they are fruitful to the last: and so it is with the living believer — he is a Christian to the last — full of the Spirit, full of love, full of holiness to the last. Like fine wine, the older the better. “The path of the just is like the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”

January Twenty-fifth

The Lord from heaven

“The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven” 1 Corinthians 15:47.

1. The first Adam was fair, exquisitely fair, as he came from the hand of God; but the second is altogether lovely, fairer than the children of men.

2. The first Adam was made in the likeness of God; but the second is God Himself, the Lord from heaven, the brightness of the Father’s glory, and the express image of His person.

3. The first Adam was full of heavenly wisdom, so that he named all the creatures as they came; but in the second are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. He is the wisdom of God. He spake as never man spake. He calls all the stars by their names.

4. The first was the head of the whole human race, the federal head: so that in him they stood, and in him they fell. Christ is offered as a head to every creature, and is actually the head of all the redeemed, and of myriads of holy angels, all gathered together in Him, even in Him.

O glorious one! Divine and human perfections meet in Him! O that you were filled with sweet, admiring, adoring thoughts of Him this day! O that He would rise upon you like the sun! He is the

Light of the world, the Sun of righteousness, the bright and morning Star. It is that one who justifies the ungodly, who has power to forgive sins. He is precious to all that believe.

January Twenty-sixth

Something better than life

***“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain”* Philippians 1:21.**

If you would die the death of Christ’s people, you must live their life. Inconsistent Christians generally have a painful death-bed; but those that follow Christ fully can die like aged Paul — “I am ready to be offered;” like Job — “I know that my Redeemer liveth.”

January Twenty-seventh

Following Jesus

***“Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me”* John 21:22.**

If you would follow Christ fully, you must know Him fully. A sight of His beauty draws us to follow Him. “He is the chief among ten thousand, and altogether lovely.” “And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me.” There is an indescribable loveliness in Christ that draws the soul to follow Him. All divine perfections dwell in Him; and yet He offers to save us.

His suitableness draws us to follow Him. He just answers the need of our soul. We are all guilty, He is all righteousness. We, all weakness; He, all strength. Nothing can more completely answer our soul than Christ doth. The chickens run under the feathers of their mother when they see them stretched out, the dove flutters into the clefts, Noah into the ark; and our soul thus follows Jesus.

His freeness draws us to follow Him. “He will in no wise cast out.” He forgives seventy times seven. It is the keeping the eye on Christ that makes you follow Him. It is seeing the King in His beauty that makes the soul cleave to Him, and run after Him. “My soul followeth hard after Thee.” “Run the race set before you, looking unto Jesus.”

January Twenty-eighth

Eternal loss

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” 2 Corinthians 5:10.

Every man shall be rewarded according as his work has been. Some will be made rulers over five, some over ten cities. I have no doubt that every sin, inconsistency, backsliding, and decay of God’s children, takes away something from their eternal glory. It is a loss for all eternity; and the more fully and unreservedly we follow the Lord Jesus now, the more abundant will our entrance be into His everlasting kingdom. The closer we walk with Christ now, the closer will we walk with Him to all eternity. “Thou hast a few names in Sardis which have not defiled their garments. They shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.”

January Twenty-ninth

To be like Jesus

“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first born among many brethren” Romans 8:29.

“But we all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18). Our foolish hearts think it better to retain some part of Satan’s image, but, ah! this is our happiness, to reflect every feature of Jesus, and that for ever, to have no inconsistency, to be like Him in every part; to love like Him, to weep like Him, to pray like Him, to be changed into His likeness: “I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness.”

January Thirtieth

Victory assured

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” John 16:33.

In all other battles we do not know how the victory is to turn until the battle is won. In the battle of Waterloo, it was long thought that the French had gained; and Napoleon sent several despatches to

Paris, telling that he had won. But in the fight with the world, Satan, and the flesh, we know how the victory is to turn already. Christ has engaged to carry us through. He will guard us against the darts of the law, by hiding us in His blood. He defends us from the power of sin by His Holy Spirit, put within us. He will keep us, in the secret of His presence, from the strife of tongues. The thicker the battle, the closer will He keep to us; so that we can sing already: "I thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord." We know that we shall overcome. Though the world were a million times more enraged — though the fires of persecution were again to be kindled — though my heart were a million times more wicked — though all the temptations of hell were let loose upon me — I know I shall overcome through Him that loved me. When Paul and Silas sang in the low dungeon, they were more than conquerors. When Paul sang, in spite of his thorn, "I will glory in my infirmities," he was more than a conqueror.

January Thirty-first

The work of Christ

"The lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable" Isaiah 42:21.

This is in some respects the most wonderful description of the work of Christ given in the whole Bible. He is often said to have fulfilled the law. Thus, Matthew 3:15: "Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." And again, Matthew 5:17: "Think not that I come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." But here it is said, He will "magnify the law, and make it honourable." He came to give new lustre and glory to the holy law of God, that all worlds might see and understand that the law is holy, and just and good. When God wrote the law upon the heart of Adam in his creation, that was magnifying the law. He showed it to be a great and holy and happy law, when He wrote it in the bosom of so holy and happy a creature as man then was. When God spoke the law from Mount Sinai, that magnified the law, and made it glorious. When He spoke it with His own voice in so dreadful a manner, when He wrote it twice with His own finger, this was magnifying it — enough, one would think, to make our

modern Sabbath-breakers tremble to erase it. But most of all when Christ died, did He give lustre, and greatness, and glory, and majesty, to the law of God in the sight of all worlds.

February First

The love of Christ

“And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God” Ephesians 3:19.

Paul says: “The love of Christ passeth knowledge.” It is like the blue sky, into which you may see clearly, but the real vastness of which you cannot measure. It is like the deep, deep sea, into whose bosom you can look a little way, but its depths are unfathomable. It has a breadth without a bound, length without end, height without top, and depth without bottom. If holy Paul said this, who was so deeply taught in divine things — who had been in the third heaven, and seen the glorified face of Jesus — how much more may we, poor and weak believers, look into that love and say: It passeth knowledge!

February Second

Face to face

“And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads” Revelation 22:4.

“Mark the perfect, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.” God calls upon you to mark the death-bed of His children. Sometimes it is triumphant, like Stephen: “Behold I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. Lord Jesus, receive my Spirit.” Almost always peaceful — or, if it be that the sun goes down in a cloud, O how sweet the surprise, when the believer finds himself on the other side of Jordan, at the pearly gate of the New Jerusalem! in the arms of the angels! in the smile of Jesus! “There is a rest remaining for the people of God.”

February Third

O happy believer

“... and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he” Proverbs 16:20.

Become one with Christ, and even this moment you are lovely in the sight of God comely, through His comeliness put upon you. You are as much accepted in the sight of God as is the Son of Man, the Beloved, that sits on His right hand. The Spirit shall be given you, as surely as He is given to Christ. He is given to Christ as the oil of gladness, wherewith He is anointed above His fellows. You are as sure to wear a crown of glory, as that Christ is now wearing His. You are as sure to sit upon Christ's throne, as that Christ is now sitting on His Father's throne. O weep for joy, happy believer! O sing for gladness of heart: "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

February Fourth

A peculiar people

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord ..." 2 Corinthians 6:17.

"Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people" (Hosea 7:8). This was the peculiar character of the Jews: "The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations;" but when they mixed themselves among the nations, then grey hairs began to appear. So it is with Christians — they are a peculiar people. Jesus said of them: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." We are as completely separated from the world as Christ was; we have got blood upon us, and the Holy Spirit in us; we have peculiar joys and peculiar sorrows; we are a praying people — a praising people. But the moment we begin to mix with the ungodly, grey hairs begin to appear: our souls wither.

February Fifth

A constant appetite

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good

success” Joshua 1:8.

When a soul is first brought to Christ, he delights in the word of God; he has appetite for it “as a newborn babe.” Just as an infant has a constant, steadily recurring appetite for its mother’s milk, so has the soul for the Word. He has spiritual understanding of the Word. It seems all sweet and easy; it all testifies of Jesus. The soul grasps the meaning — earnestly inquires from ministers and others the meaning of difficult passages. He has growth: “That ye may grow thereby.” It is felt to be the daily nourishment of the soul — the sword to ward off temptation.

How different when the Christian is in decay! No relish for the Word. It may be read as a duty, or as a burdensome task; it is not delighted in. Other books are preferred to the Bible. There is no growing in the knowledge of the Word; no self application; no receiving it with meekness; no frequent recurrence of the mind to the chapter read in the morning; no answering Satan by “Thus it is written,” and “Thus saith the Lord.” Ah! my friends, how is the gold become dim! “Yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not” (Hosea 7:9).

February Sixth

Growing days

“If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord” Isaiah 58:13, 14.

There was a time in Scotland when Sabbath-days were growing days. Hungry souls came to the Word, and went away filled with good things. They came like Martha, and went away like Mary. They came like Samson, when his locks were shorn, and went away like Samson when his locks were grown.

February Seventh

Soul thirst

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul

after thee, O God” Psalm 42:1.

These are supposed to be the words of David when he fled from his son Absalom. He seems to have been wandering in some solitary wild on the side of Mount Hermon, the stream of Jordan flowing at his feet. David seems to have been full of pensive meditation, for his enemies reproached him daily, saying: “Where is thy God?” — nay, even God seemed to forget him; all His waves and billows were going over him — when suddenly a deer bounded past him. It had been sore wounded by the archers, or pursued by some wild beast on the mountains of the leopards. Faint and weary, he saw it rushing toward the flowing stream, and quenching its thirst in the water brook. His soul was quickened by the sight. Is not this just a picture of what I should be? Is not my God to me all that the flowing stream is to that wounded deer? “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.”

February Eighth

More blessed to give

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” Acts 20:35.

These words form part of a most touching address which Paul made to the ministers of Ephesus, when he parted with them for the last time. He took them all to witness that he was pure from the blood of all men: “For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.” It is deeply interesting to notice that the duty of giving to the poor is marked by him as one part of the counsel of God; so much so, that he makes it his last word to them: “I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.” These words, which he quotes from the mouth of the Saviour, are nowhere to be found in the Gospels. It is the only traditional saying of our Lord that has been preserved. It seems to have been one of His household words — a common-place — uttered by Him again and again; “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

February Ninth

Where you are

“... and to any man his work” Mark 13:34.

Learn, my dear friends, to keep to your own work. When the Lord has hung up a lamp in one corner, is there no presumption in removing it to another? Is not the Lord wiser than man? Everyone of you have his own work to do for Christ where you are. Are you on a sick bed? Still you have your work to do for Christ there as much as the highest servant of Christ in the world. The smallest twinkling star is as much a servant of God as the midday sun. Only live for Christ where you are.

February Tenth

He’s preparing a place

“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you” John 14:2.

When a family is going to emigrate to a foreign shore, often the elder brother goes before to prepare a place for his young brethren. This is what Christ has done. He does not intend that we should live here always — He has gone a far journey in order to prepare a place for us: “I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.” Oh, Christian! believe in Christ preparing a place for you. It will greatly take away the fear of dying. It is an awful thing to die, even for a forgiven and sanctified soul — to enter on a world unknown, unseen, untried. One thing takes away fear: Christ is preparing a place quite suitable for my soul — He knows all the wants and weaknesses of my frame — I know He will make it a pleasant home to me.

February Eleventh

Give liberally

“... He which soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully” 2 Corinthians 9:6.

I am going to say now what the world will scoff at; but all that I ask of you is, to be like the Bereans. Search the Scriptures, and see

if these things be not so. The whole Bible shows, then, that the best way to have plenty in this world is to give liberally. “Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days.” This refers to the sowing of rice. The rice in the East is always sown when the fields are flooded with water. The bread-corn is actually cast upon the water. After many days the waters dry up, and a rich crop of waving rice covers the plain. So it is in giving liberally to the poor out of love to Jesus. It is like throwing away your money — it is like casting seed upon the waters; yet fear not, you shall find a crop after many days — you shall have a return for your money in this world.

February Twelfth

Follow the Lord fully

“Hebron, therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel” Joshua 14:14.

Pray to be made like Caleb, who had another spirit, and followed the Lord fully. Follow Christ all the day. He is the continual burnt offering in whom you may have peace. He is the rock that follows you, from whom you may have constant and infinite supplies. Give yourself wholly away to Him. You are safe in no other keeping but in the everlasting arms of Jehovah Jesus.

February Thirteenth

The spring of the soul

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness” Zechariah 12:10; 13:1.

In these words you have a description of the conversion of the

Jews, which is yet to come; an event that will give life to this dead world. But God's method is the same in the conversion of any soul. Conversion is the most glorious work of God. The creation of the sun is a very glorious work; when God first rolled him flaming along the sky, scattering out golden blessings on every shore. The change in spring is very wonderful; when God makes the faded grass revive, the dead trees put out green leaves, and the flowers appear on the earth. But far more glorious and wonderful is the conversion of a soul! It is the creation of a sun that is to shine for eternity; it is the spring of the soul that shall know no winter; the planting of a tree that shall bloom with eternal beauty in the paradise of God.

February Fourteenth

Grace sufficient

“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me” 2 Corinthians 12:9.

When Paul was caught up into paradise he thought he would never again feel his body of sin; but when he was humbled and made to know himself better, and to know the grace that is in Christ, then his glory ever after was, that he had a weak body of sin and death, and that there was power enough in Christ to keep him from falling. From that day he gloried not that he had no sin in him, but that he had an almighty Saviour dwelling in him and upholding him. He took pleasure now in everything that made him feel his weakness; for this drove him to Jesus for strength.

Learn, dear brethren, the true glory of a Christian in this world. The world knows nothing of it. A true Christian has a body of sin. He has every lust and corruption that is in the heart of man or devil. He wants no tendency to sin. If the Lord has given you light, you know and feel this. What is the difference, then, between you and the world? Infinite! You are in the hand of Christ. His Spirit is within you. He is able to keep you from falling. “Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart.”

February Fifteenth

Do not doubt

“Now Jesus loved ... Lazarus” John 11:5.

Christ loved Lazarus peculiarly, and yet He afflicted him very sore. A surgeon never bends his eye so tenderly upon his patient, as when he is putting in the lancet, or probing the wound to the very bottom. And so with Christ; He bends His eye most tenderly over His own at the time He is afflicting them.

Do not doubt the holy love of Jesus to your soul when He is laying a heavy hand upon you. Jesus did not love Lazarus less when He afflicted him, but rather more — “even as a father correcteth a son in whom he delighteth” (Proverbs 3:12). A goldsmith when he casts gold into the furnace looks after it.

February Sixteenth

Radiant saints

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid” Matthew 5:14.

If the sun were to grow weary of running his daily journey, and were to give over shining, would you not say it should be taken down? for did not God hang it in the sky to give light upon the earth? Just so, dear Christians, if you grow weary in well-doing, in shining with Christ’s beauty, in walking by Christ’s Spirit, you, too, should be taken down and cast away; for did not Christ arise upon you for this very end, that you might be a light in the world? Ah! think of this, dark, useless Christians, who are putting your candle under a bushel. I tremble for some who will not lay themselves out for Christ. Ah! you are wronging yourselves and dishonouring Christ. Your truest happiness is in shining; the more you shine for Christ, the happier you will be. “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

February Seventeenth

A day’s march nearer home

“But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth

more and more unto the perfect day” Proverbs 4:18.

When Israel was travelling the wilderness, they came nearer to the good land every step they took. They had a long wilderness to pass through, still every day’s journey brought them nearer to the end. So it is with all that are in Christ Jesus. Every step is bringing them nearer to heaven. Every day they are coming nearer and nearer to glory. “Now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.” “The night is far spent, the day is at hand.” Every sheep that is really found, and on the shoulder of the shepherd, is coming nearer to the heavenly fold every day. Every soul that is carried on the wings of the eagle is flying towards the rest that remaineth. The hours fly fast; but as fast flies that divine eagle. In running a race, every step brings you nearer to the end of it, nearer to the prize and the crown.

February Eighteenth

Delays are not denials

“When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby” John 11:4.

When we ask for something agreeable to God’s will, and in the name of Christ, we know that we have the petitions which we desire of Him. But the time He keeps in His own power. God is very sovereign in the time of His answers. When Martha and Mary sent their petition to Christ, He gave them an immediate promise; but the answer was not when they expected. So Christ frequently gives us the desires of our heart, though not at the peculiar time we desired, but a better time. Do not be weary in putting up prayers — say for the conversion of a friend. They may be answered when you are in the dust. Hold on to pray. He will answer in the best time. “Be not weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

February Nineteenth

Persecution

“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” 2 Timothy 3:12.

The history of the Church in all ages has been a history of persecution. No sooner does a soul begin to show concern for religion — no sooner does that soul cleave to Jesus, than the world talk, to the grief of those whom God hath wounded. What bitter words are hurled against that soul! In all ages this has been true: “They wandered about in sheep-skins and goat-skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented; of whom the world was not worthy.” Those that eat the bread of God have often been driven from their quiet meal — those who are clothed with Christ have often had to part with worldly clothing, and have been exposed to famine, nakedness, peril, and sword — the last extremity. Cain murdered Abel. They killed the Prince of Life; and so all His creatures ever since have been exposed to the same.

February Twentieth

Giving Him the glory

“... to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen”
Revelation 1:6.

The saved soul longs to give glory to Christ. He looks back over all the way by which he has been led, and says from the bottom of his heart, To Him be glory. He looks to the love of Jesus to His awakening, drawing, washing, renewing, making him a king and a priest. Ministers may have been used as instruments, but he looks far beyond these and says, To Him be glory. A true Christian will cast his crown nowhere but at the feet of Jesus. It was He that loved me, He that washed me — To Him be glory.

February Twenty-first

Amazing love

“... The Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”
Galatians 2:20.

When Jacob loved Rachel, he served seven years for her — he bore the summer’s heat and winter’s cold. But Jesus bore the hot wrath of God, and the winter blast of His Father’s anger, for those He loved. Jonathan loved David with more than the love of women, and for his sake he bore the cruel anger of his father, Saul. But

Jesus, out of love to us, bore the wrath of His Father poured out without mixture. It was the love of Christ that made Him leave the love of His Father, the adoration of angels, and the throne of glory. It was love that made Him not despise the Virgin's womb; it was love that brought Him to the manger at Bethlehem; it was love that drove Him into the wilderness; love made Him a man of sorrows; love made Him hungry, and thirsty, and weary; love made Him hasten to Jerusalem; love led Him to gloomy, dark Gethsemane; love bound and dragged Him to the judgment hall; love nailed Him to the cross; love bowed His head beneath the amazing load of His Father's anger. "Greater love hath no man than this." "I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep."

February Twenty-second

Sweet companionship

"... thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" Ruth 1:16.

The soul in Christ has many sweet companions, brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. The soul that is united to the Vine tree is united to all the branches: "We know that we are passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." "I am a companion of all them that fear Thee."

Believers have many things to say to one another; as John says to Gaius: "I had many things to write unto thee, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee: but I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face." So did believers in the days of Malachi: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard" (Malachi 3:16). And so do believers still. They may tell of their past experiences modestly, humbly, with self-loathing, and for the glory of Christ; as Jesus told the maniac: "Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee" (Luke 8:39); and as David speaks: "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul" (Psalm 66:10).

February Twenty-third

Before and after

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy

Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own” 1 Corinthians 6:19.

A saved soul gives himself away to Christ for ever. Before conversion a man loves to be his own master, to do what he will with his time, his money, his influence, his all. But when Jesus lays His hand on him, washes and renews him, then he says, “I am the Lords; I am not my own, but bought with a price.”

February Twenty-fourth

Something to give

“My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways” Proverbs 23:26.

Oh, Christians, come and give up your all to Christ — give up your heart to Him. Let His dominion be from sea to sea in your heart — from one corner to another. Is there any part of your heart where you do not wish Christ to reign? Then you have not seen Him, neither known Him. Give up your all to Him. Your dearest friends. Say, they are not mine, but Christ’s; and so you will part from them, not without a tear, but without losing your all. If there is anything you are unwilling Christ should have, then you are not His. To Him be dominion. Oh, it is sweet, to have nothing our own, but to give up all to Christ — to be entirely His for ever and ever. Once you gave all to Satan. Now give all to Christ.

February Twenty-fifth

Riches untold

“That in everything ye are enriched by him” 1 Corinthians 1:5.

Kings in olden time had immense possessions. Of one it is said “the sun never set on his dominions.” Solomon gathered all the peculiar treasures of kings. But a soul united to Jesus has more. He has got the pearl of great price, the clothing of wrought gold. He has God’s loving kindness, which is better than life. He can look on the hills and valleys and resplendent rivers, and say, “My Father made them all.” “All things are yours — whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours.” “Having nothing, yet possessing all things.”

February Twenty-sixth

Cleansed

“... and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” 1 John 1:7.

There is nothing so defiling as our sins. Every one now redeemed was once all stained and defiled with sin — was once plunged in the miry clay. John Bunyan says, “An unconverted man is the most doleful of all creatures.” One walking by the sea, said, “My heart would pollute all that ocean.” Sin is an infinite evil. It leaves a mark on the soul that nothing human can wipe away. Oh! pray for a discovery of the loathsomeness of sin.

One thing is greater, the blood of Jesus, His own blood, the blood of the lamb. As the waters were higher than the highest mountains, so His blood can cover the highest sins. Where sin abounded grace did much more abound. It is atoning blood.

“There is a fountain fill’d with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel’s veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.”

February Twenty-seventh

Counterfeit conversion

“The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worshiped him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne ...” Revelation 4:10.

It is the clear mark of a hypocrite, that he is willing to cast his crown at the feet of a creature. Every jewel has its counterfeit, so there is a counterfeit conversion. Satan often changes people and makes them imagine they are converted. These will give the glory to man. They cast their crown at the feet of a fellow-worm and say, To him be glory. But one that is truly saved looks far above man to Jesus, and says, “To Him be the glory.” A man healed by the brazen serpent would never attribute it to the pole, or the man that held it. He would look steadily to the blazing sign that God had set up. A man saved by Jesus will say to all eternity, To Him be the glory — “Salvation to our God.” And when he comes into the New

Jerusalem, he will not stop to look at the angels, nor fondly gaze on the redeemed, but will hasten to where Jesus sits, and fall down and worship and adore Him, casting his crown at His feet, and crying, “Thou art worthy — Worthy is the lamb that was slain.”

February Twenty-eighth

A silent sermon

“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come” 1 Corinthians 11:26.

Dear friends, it is this that is set before you in the broken bread and poured out wine, — the whole work of Christ for the salvation of sinners. The love and grace of the Lord Jesus are all gathered into a focus there. The love of the Father; the covenant with the Son; the love of Jesus; His incarnation, obedience, death; all are set before you in that broken bread and wine. It is a sweet, silent sermon. Many a sermon contains not Christ from beginning to end. Many show Him doubtfully and imperfectly. But here is nothing else but Christ, and Him crucified. Most rich and speaking ordinance! Pray that the very sight of that broken bread may break your hearts, and make them flow to the Lamb of God. Pray for conversions from the sight of the broken bread and poured out wine. Look attentively, dear souls and little children, when the bread is broken and the wine poured out. It is a heart-affecting sight. May the Holy Spirit bless it. Dear believers, look you attentively, to get deeper, fuller views of the way of pardon and holiness. A look from the eye of Christ to Peter broke and melted his proud heart, — he went out and wept bitterly. Pray that a single look of that broken bread may do the same for you. When the Roman centurion, that watched beside the cross of Jesus, saw Him die, and the rocks rend, he cried out, “Truly this was the Son of God!” Look at this broken bread, and you will see the same thing, and may your heart be made to cry after the Lord Jesus. When the dying thief looked on the pale face of Immanuel, and saw the holy majesty that beamed from His dying eye, he cried, “Lord, remember me!” This broken bread reveals the same thing. May the same grace be given you, and may you breathe the cry, Lord, remember me.

Oh get ripening views of Christ, dear believers! The corn in

harvest sometimes ripens more in one day than in weeks before. So some Christians gain more grace in one day than for months before. Pray that this may be a ripening harvest-day in your souls.

February Twenty-ninth

Not till then

“... thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter” John 13:7.

When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glaring sun,
When we stand with Christ in glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know —
Not till then — how much I owe.

When I hear the wicked call
On the rocks and hills to fall,
When I see them start and shrink
On the fiery deluge brink, —
Then, Lord, shall I fully know —
Not till then — how much I owe.

When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with unsinning heart,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know —
Not till then — how much I owe.

When the praise of heaven I hear,
Loud as thunder to the ear,
Loud as many water's noise,
Sweet as harp's melodious voice,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know —
Not till then — how much I owe.

Even on earth, as through a glass
Darkly, let Thy glory pass,
Make forgiveness feel so sweet,
Make Thy Spirit's help so meet,

Even on earth, Lord, make me know
Something of how much I owe.

Chosen not for good in me,
Wakened up from wrath to flee,
Hidden in the Saviour's side,
By the Spirit sanctified,
Teach me, Lord, on earth to show,
By my love, how much I owe.

Oft I walk beneath the cloud,
Dark, as midnight's gloomy shroud;
But, when fear is at the height,
Jesus comes, and all is light;
Blessed Jesus! bid me show
Doubting saints how much I owe.

When in flowery paths I tread,
Oft by sin I'm captive led;
Oft I fall, but still arise;
The Spirit comes — the tempter flies;
Blessed Spirit! bid me show
Weary sinners all I owe.

Oft the nights of sorrow reign —
Weeping, sickness, sighing, pain;
But a night Thine anger burns —
Morning comes and joy returns;
God of comforts! bid me show
To Thy poor, how much I owe.

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