

kind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life ; send Thy blessing upon these Thy servants, this man and this woman whom we bless in Thy name, that as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge), and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to Thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together and say :

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Then shall the Minister speak unto the company :

Forasmuch as these persons have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring, and by joining hands ; I pronounce that they are Man and Wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

And the Minister shall add this blessing :

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you ; the Lord mercifully with His favor look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. AMEN.

SELECTIONS OF SCRIPTURE FOR THE
CHAMBER OF SICKNESS.

I. GREEN PASTURES.

The Lord's Word.

I am the good shepherd.—JOHN x. 11.

The good shepherd “*knoweth his sheep.*”—JOHN
x. 14.

He “*calleth them all by name.*”—JOHN x. 3.

He “*goeth before them.*”—JOHN x. 4.

He “*giveth his life for them.*”—JOHN x. 11.

He “*giveth them eternal life.*”—JOHN x. 28.

They shall become one flock, one shepherd.—JOHN
x. 16.

And they shall *never perish.*—JOHN x. 28.

The Soul's Response.

THE LORD is my shepherd ; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul :

He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,

I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me :

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies :

Thou hast anointed my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

—PSALM xxiii.

II. STILL WATERS.

Be still, and know that I am God.—Ps. xlv. 10.

Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*.—ISA. xxvi. 3.

Thou makest all his bed in his sickness.—Ps. xli. 3.

For so he giveth unto his beloved sleep.—Ps. cxxvii. 2.

He maketh the storm a calm,

So that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet ;

So he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.—Ps. cvii. 29-30.

There the weary be at rest.—JOB iii. 17.

And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes ; and death shall be no more ; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more.—REV. xxi. 4.

And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick.—ISA. xxxiii. 24.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,

And though the mountains be moved in the heart of the seas ;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled :
 Though the mountains shake with the swelling
 thereof.—Ps. XLVI. 2-3.

What time I am afraid,
 I will put my trust in thee.—Ps. lvi. 3.

I will trust, and will not be afraid.—ISA. xii. 2.
 In peace will I both lay me down and sleep :
 For thou, LORD, alone makest me dwell in safety.—
 Ps. iv. 8.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains :
 From whence shall my help come ?

My help *cometh* from the LORD,
 Which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
 He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel
 Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper :

The LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,

Nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall keep thee from all evil ;

He shall keep thy soul.

The LORD shall keep thy going out and thy com-
 ing in,

From this time forth and for evermore.—Ps. cxxi.

The LORD is my light and my salvation ; whom shall
 I fear ?

The LORD is the strength of my life ; of whom shall
 I be afraid ?

When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh,

Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled
and fell.

Though an host should encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear :

Though war should rise against me,
Even then will I be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I
seek after ;

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in
his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me secretly
in his pavilion :

In the covert of his tabernacle shall he hide me ;
He shall lift me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine
enemies round about me ;

And I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy ;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.—

Ps. xxvii. 1-6.

III. DELECTABLE MOUNTAINS.

“So they went up to the delectable mountains, to behold the gardens and orchards, the vineyards and fountains of water : where also they drank and washed themselves, and did freely eat of the vineyards. Now there were on the tops of these mountains shepherds feeding their flocks. . . . These mountains are Immanuel’s land, and *they are within sight of the city.*”—*Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress.*

Until the day be cool, and the shadows flee away,

I will get me to the mountain of myrrh.—CANT. iv. 6.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine :

He feedeth *his flock* among the lilies.—CANT. vi. 3.

He giveth power to the faint ; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength.—ISA. xl. 29.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.—Ps. cxlvii. 3.

And I have put my words in thy mouth, and have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, 'Thou art my people.—ISA. li. 16.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.—ISA. lxvi. 13.

Sing, O heavens ; and be joyful, O earth ; and break forth into singing, O mountains : for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted.—ISA. xlix. 13.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that give suck.—ISA. xl. 11.

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and shewed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.—REV. xxi. 10.

And he shewed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month : and the leaves of the tree were

for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more : and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein : and his servants shall do him service ; and they shall see his face ; and his name *shall be* on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more ; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun ; for the Lord God shall give them light : and they shall reign for ever and ever. —REV. xxii. 1-5.

IV. THE ENTRANCE GATE.

These selections are chiefly for those not yet in the fold. They are the inviting and assuring words of Scripture to one who would "see Jesus." May their use change many a sick-room into a "Bethel," and put "a new song" in the mouth.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—MATT. vii. 7.

Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!—JOHN i. 29.

I am the door : by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture.—JOHN x. 9.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.—JOHN iii. 16.

And in none other is there salvation : for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.—ACTS iv. 12.

Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved.—ACTS xvi. 31.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—*MATT.* xi. 28.

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.—*JOHN* vii. 37.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money ; come ye, buy, and eat ; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.—*ISA.* lv. 1.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me : and I give unto them eternal life ; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.—*JOHN* x. 27.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench.—*MATT.* xii. 20.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the *LORD* : though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow ; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—*ISA.* i. 18.

Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.—*JOHN* vi. 37.

He that will, let him take the water of life freely.—*REV.* xxii. 17.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts : and let him return unto the *LORD*, and he will have mercy upon him ; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—*ISA.* lv. 7.

And he spake unto them this parable, saying, What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it ? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And

when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, *more* than over ninety and nine righteous persons, which need no repentance.—LUKE xv. 3-7.

But when he (the prodigal son) came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.—LUKE xv. 17-20.

V. AT EVENTIDE.

These selections are for that last hour when the shadows are almost at their full lengthening, ere "the silver cord be loosed or the golden bowl be broken." Much speech of man seems idle. It is a time for "Jesus only." Some brief word of Scripture, whether a cry of need or a cry of trust, spoken by the minister and repeated by the dying, may change "the valley of weeping" into "a place of springs," and "the valley of the shadow of death" into "a garden of spices."

Lord, save me.—MATT. xiv. 30.

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.—ACTS vii. 59.

God, be merciful to me a sinner.—LUKE xviii. 13.

The blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin.—1 JOHN i. 7.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ; of whom I am chief.—1 TIM. i. 15.

Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world !—JOHN i. 29.

(Lord) I believe : help thou mine unbelief.—MARK ix. 24.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.—Ps. lxi. 2.
Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness :

According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.—Ps. li. 1.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me :

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.—Ps. xxiii. 4.

Though he slay me, yet will I wait for him.—JOB xiii. 15.

For so he giveth unto his beloved sleep.—Ps. cxxvii. 2.

My flesh and my heart faileth :

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.—Ps. lxxiii. 26.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit.—LUKE xxiii. 46.

Now lettest thou thy servant depart, O Lord, according to thy word, in peace ; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.—LUKE ii. 29.

SELECTIONS OF SCRIPTURE FOR THE
HOUSE OF MOURNING.

I. EVERLASTING FOUNDATIONS.

Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth,
having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are
his.—2 TIM. ii. 19.

Trust ye in the LORD for ever : for in the LORD
JEHOVAH is an everlasting rock (a rock of ages).—
ISA. xxvi. 4.

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my de-
liverer, even mine ;

The God of my rock, in him will I trust ;

My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high
tower, and my refuge.—2 SAM. xxii. 2-3.

For who is God, save the LORD ?

And who is a rock, save our God ?

God is my strong fortress :

And he guideth the perfect in his way.

He maketh his feet like hinds' feet :

And setteth me upon my high places.—2 SAM. xxii.

32-34.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation :
And thy gentleness hath made me great.—2 SAM.

xxii. 36.

But Israel shall be saved by the LORD with an
everlasting salvation : ye shall not be ashamed nor
confounded world without end.—ISA. xlv. 17.

In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy redeemer.—ISA. liv. 8.

The eternal God is *thy* dwelling place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms.—DEUT.
xxxiii. 27.

Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and to-day; *yea* and for ever.—HEB. xiii. 8.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before
him;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.—PS. lxxii. 8-9.
His name shall endure for ever.—PS. lxxii. 17.

Therefore thus saith the LORD GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone* of sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.—ISA. xxviii. 16.

For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—I COR. iii. 11.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my
fortress;

My God, in whom I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand ;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the reward of the wicked.
For thou, O LORD, art my refuge !
Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation ;
There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder :
The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample
under feet.
Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will
I deliver him :
I will set him on high, because he hath known my
name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him ;
I will be with him in trouble :
I will deliver him, and honour him.
With long life will I satisfy him,
And shew him my salvation.—Ps. xci.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do
change,

And though the mountains be moved in the heart of
the seas ;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling
thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the
city of God,

The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her ; she shall not be moved :
God shall help her and that right early.

The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved :
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The LORD of hosts is with us ;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD,

What desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth :

He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in
sunder ;

He burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God :

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted
in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us :

The God of Jacob is our refuge.—Ps. xlvi.

And we know that to them that love God all
things work together for good, *even* to them that
are called according to *his* purpose. For whom he
foreknew, he also foreordained *to be* conformed to

the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren : and whom he foreordained, them he also called : and whom he called, them he also justified : and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth ; who is he that shall condemn? It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Even as it is written,

For thy sake we are killed all the day long ;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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.—ROM. viii. 28-39.

II. EXCEEDING GREAT PROMISES.

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God ; the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.—DEUT. vii. 9.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation : for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which *the Lord* promised to them that love him.—JAMES i. 12.

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee,

Which thou hast wrought for them that put their trust in thee, before the sons of men !

In the covert of thy presence shalt thou hide them from the plottings of man :

Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.—Ps. xxxi. 19–20.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him,

Upon them that hope in his mercy ;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.—Ps. xxxiii. 18–19.

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him,

And delivereth them.—Ps. xxxiv. 7.

Like as a father pitieth his children,

So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.—Ps. ciii. 13.

And their soul shall be as a watered garden.—

JER. xxxi. 12.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
 Though he goeth on his way weeping, bearing forth
 the seed ;
 He shall come again with joy, bringing his sheaves
with him.—Ps. cxxvi. 5-6.

Call upon me in the day of trouble ;
 I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.—Ps.
 l. 15.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-
 spouts :
 All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in
 the day-time,

And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life.—Ps. xlii. 7-8.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy
 laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon
 you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in
 heart : and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For
 my yoke is easy and my burden is light.—MATT.
 xi. 28-30.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be
 with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not
 overflow thee : when thou walkest through the fire,
 thou shalt not be burned ; neither shall the flame
 kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the
 Holy One of Israel, thy saviour.—ISA. xliii. 2-3.

Certainly I will be with thee.—EXODUS iii. 12.

I will commune with thee from above the mercy-
 seat.—EXODUS xxv. 22.

I will strengthen thee ; yea, I will help thee.—
 ISA. xli. 10.

Let not your heart be troubled.—JOHN xiv. 1.

I will not leave you desolate : I come unto you.
—JOHN xiv. 18.

I come again, and will receive you unto myself ;
that where I am, *there* ye may be also.—JOHN xiv. 3.

III. SAFE HIDING PLACES.

The name of the LORD is a strong tower :
The righteous runneth into it, and is safe.—PROV.
xviii. 10.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.—Ps. xlvi. 1.
Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me ;
For my soul taketh refuge in thee :
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge,
Until *these* calamities be overpast.—Ps. lvii. 1.

It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.—Ps. cxviii. 8–9.
They that trust in the LORD
Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but
abideth for ever.—Ps. cxxv. 1.

Be thou to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I may
continually resort.—Ps. lxxi. 3.

Keep me as the apple of the eye,
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.—Ps. xvii. 8.
Thou art my hiding place ; thou wilt preserve me
from trouble ;

Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance.—Ps. xxxii. 7.

In the LORD put I my trust :

How say ye to my soul,

Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?—Ps. xi. 1.

The LORD is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I fear ?

The LORD is the strength of my life ; of whom shall I be afraid?—Ps. xxvii. 1.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me secretly in his pavilion :

In the covert of his tabernacle shall he hide me.—Ps. xxvii. 5.

For the LORD God is a sun and a shield.—Ps. lxxxiv. 11.

IV. PRECIOUS CONSOLATIONS.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD.
—Ps. xciv. 12.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation : for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which *the Lord* promised to them that love him.—JAMES i. 12.

In the world ye have tribulation : but be of good cheer ; I have overcome the world.—JOHN xvi. 33.
Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee :

He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.—Ps. lv. 22.

And not only so, but let us also rejoice in our tribulations : knowing that tribulation worketh patience ; and patience, probation ; and probation, hope : and hope putteth not to shame ; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Ghost which was given unto us.—ROM. v. 3-5.

For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory ; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen : for the things which are seen are temporal ; but the things which are not seen are eternal.—2 COR. iv. 17-18.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you : but insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice ; that at the revelation of his glory also ye may rejoice with exceeding joy.—1 PET. iv. 12-13.

When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned ; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.—ISA. xliii. 2.

Behold, I have refined thee, but not as silver ; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.—ISA. xlviii. 10.

My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the
 Lord,
 Nor faint when thou art reprov'd of him ;
 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,
 And scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

It is for chastening that ye endure ; God dealeth with you as with sons ; for what son is there whom *his* father chasteneth not ? But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence : shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live ? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* as seemed good to them ; but he for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of his holiness. All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous, but grievous : yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, *even the fruit* of righteousness.—HEB. xii. 5-11.

The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God : and if children, then heirs ; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified with *him*.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward.—ROM. viii. 16-18.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These which are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they ? And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God ; and they serve him day

and night in his temple : and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat : for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life : and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.—REV. vii. 13-17.

BURIAL.

Form for Burial of the Dead.

I. THE SERVICE AT THE CHURCH.

As the body is borne to its place before the pulpit, the minister shall say :

I am the resurrection and the life : he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.—JOHN XI. 25, 26.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort ; who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted.—2 COR. I. 3, 4.

When the assembly is seated and ready for service the minister shall say :

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the framer of our bodies and the Father of our spirits, we enter thy courts with bowed and burdened hearts this day. But our hope is in thee. To whom shall we go, but to thee. Thou hast the words of eternal life. Vouchsafe thy comforting and guiding Spirit, as we are met for this

tender and solemn service in the presence of the dead. Let not our eyes be so holden with grief that we cannot read the truth thou wouldst teach us by this affliction. And may we be sanctified in all the discipline of thy providence, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here, if desired, a hymn may be sung.

Then shall be read such portions of Scripture as may be most appropriate to the specific circumstances.

[Varied selections for this purpose, both of disconnected single verses and of connected passages, will be found following this order of service.]

After the reading of the Scripture the minister shall make an address suited to the occasion, provided any remarks at all are judged to be desirable.

Then shall follow the prayer, the special features of which must be largely determined by the distinctive features of the providence that has brought the people to the house of mourning. Hence no form of prayer is here given. But manifestly, in the presence of death, the prayer should embrace *acknowledgment of God's sovereign mercy, confession of sin, submission to the divine will, thanksgiving for the victory over death wrought by the gospel, and trustful commitment of bereaved and smitten hearts to the infinitely tender and gracious care of the Saviour.*

Then another hymn shall be sung, after which the congregation shall be dismissed with the apostolic benediction.

II. ORDER OF SERVICE AT A PRIVATE HOUSE.

Invocation.

Reading of Scripture. See pp. 36-73.

Singing (if previously arranged for). See pp. 125-134.

Remarks (if thought desirable).

Prayer.

Benediction.

III. FORM FOR SERVICE AT THE GRAVE.

After the body has been placed in the grave the minister shall say (if the dead be one that has "fallen asleep in Jesus") :

Here we pay the last rites of the living to the departed : earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. In committing this body to the grave, the dust returns to the earth as it was. The spirit has gone to God who gave it. I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write : Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors ; for their works follow with them." For them that sleep in Jesus shall God bring with him : and over such the second death hath no power.

Or this (if the dead be not known as a believer) :

Here we commit the body to its kindred dust—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The

spirit we leave with God. This is the end of all the living. May the living lay it to heart. As there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither we go, and as we know that God will bring us to death—to the house appointed for all living ; let us here renewedly consecrate ourselves to do with our might what our hands find to do. And may our trust be in Him who said, “ I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

Let us pray.

We thank thee, O Lord, that thou art the resurrection and the life. And that thou hast been declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection of the dead. We rejoice in the blessed hope born of thy resurrection victory. May it be our stay and comfort, as we stand by this fresh-made grave where we have laid our beloved dead. Henceforth living godly and obedient lives, may thy grace enable us to die the death of the righteous. And when the earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, let us have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you, bereaved and smitten hearts. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR FUNERAL SERVICE.

[God's Word, in its undisturbed and inspired connections, will always be of unspeakable comfort and profit. But to insist that continuous passages only shall have use in the burial of the dead, would be to miss some of the rarest words of consolation and hope in all the Scriptures. In the selections that follow it has been the aim to realize the advantages of both methods, care having been taken that the isolated gems gathered from out God's precious casket of jewels should not be flung indiscriminately before the reader, but given an appropriate setting.]

I. FOR A CHILD.

My beloved is gone down to his garden . . . to gather lilies.—SOL. SONG vi. 2.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom.—ISA. xl. 11.

In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me: but whoso shall cause one of these little ones which believe on me to stumble it is profitable for him that a great millstone

should be hanged about his neck, and *that* he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.—MATT. xviii. 1-6.

See that ye despise not one of these little ones ; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. How think ye ? if any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and seek that which goeth astray ? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.—MATT. xviii. 10-14.

And they brought unto him also their babes, that he should touch them : but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for of such is the kingdom of God.—LUKE xviii. 15-16.

Thus saith the LORD : A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children ; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are not. Thus saith the LORD : Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears : for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD ; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope for thy latter end, saith the LORD ; and *thy* children shall come again to their own border.—JER. xxxi. 15-17.

And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.—ZECH. viii. 5.

Wait on the LORD :

Be strong, and let thine heart take courage ;

Yea, wait thou on the LORD.—PS. xxvii. 14.

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble ; and he knoweth them that put their trust in him.—NAHUM i. 7.

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart,

And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.—PS. xxxiv. 18.

Like as a father pitieth his children,

So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame ;

He remembereth that we are dust.—PS. ciii. 13-14.

O LORD, be gracious unto us ; we have waited for thee : be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.—ISA. xxxiii. 2.

The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away ; blessed be the name of the LORD.—JOB i. 21.

FOR A CHILD.

And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child ; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, *and stood* beside him, to raise him up from the earth : but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead : for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he

hearkened not unto our voice : how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered together, David perceived that the child was dead : and David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel ; and he came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped : then he came to his own house ; and when he required they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive ; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept : for I said, Who knoweth whether the LORD will not be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring it back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.—2 SAM. xii. 15-23.

Suffer the little children to come unto me ; forbid them not : for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.—MARK x. 14-16.

He shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom.—ISA. xl. 11.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat.—REV. vii. 16.

And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes ; and death shall be no more ; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more.

—REV. xxi. 4.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.
—I THESS. iv. 18.

My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord,
Nor faint when thou art reprov'd of him ;
For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,
And scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.—HEB.
xii. 5-6.

Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence : shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live ? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* as seemed good to them ; but he for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of his holiness. All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous, but grievous : yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, *even the fruit* of righteousness.—HEB. xii. 9-11.

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort ; who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. — 2 COR. i. 3-4.

FOR A CHILD.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow ;
For thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

—PROV. xxvii. 1.

Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, or ever the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them ; or ever the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, be darkened, and the clouds return after the rain : in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the street ; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low ; yea, they shall be afraid of *that which is high*, and terrors *shall be* in the way ; and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and the caper-berry shall fail : because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets : or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern ; and the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it.—ECC. xii. 1-7.

Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain : whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life ? For ye are a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.—JAMES iv. 13-14.

As for man, his days are as grass ;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;
 And the place thereof shall know it no more.
 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to
 everlasting upon them that fear him,
 And his righteousness unto children's children ;
 To such as keep his covenant,
 And to those that remember his precepts to do them.
 —Ps. ciii. 15-18.

The LORD is full of compassion and gracious,
 Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
 He will not always chide ;
 Neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.
 He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
 Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
 So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
 As far as the east is from the west,
 So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
 Like as a father pitieth his children,
 So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.
 For he knoweth our frame ;
 He remembereth that we are dust.—Ps. ciii. 8-14.

And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nain ; and his disciples went with him, and a great multitude. Now when he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, there was carried out one that was dead, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow : and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came nigh and touched the bier : and the

bearers stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother.—LUKE vii. 11-15.

Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and to-day, *yea* and for ever.—HEB. xiii. 8.

He is our peace.—EPH. ii. 14.

And turneth the shadow of death into the morning.

—AMOS v. 8.

He will be our guide *even* unto death.—Ps. xlviii. 14.

For so he giveth unto his beloved sleep.—Ps.

cxxvii. 2.

II. FOR THE AGED.

And Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of *years*; and was gathered to his people.—GEN. xxv. 8-10.

And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, old and full of days.—GEN. xxxv. 29.

So Job died, being old and full of days.—JOB xlii. 17.

Thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.—GEN. xv. 15.

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,

Like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season.—

JOB v. 26.

The hoary head is a crown of glory,

It shall be found in the way of righteousness.—

PROV. xvi. 31.

Even to old age I am he, and even to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; yea, I will carry, and will deliver.—ISA. xlvi. 4.

Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty : they shall behold a far stretching land.—ISA. xxxiii. 17.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts : There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand for very age.—ZECH. viii. 4.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace ; and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence for ever.—ISA. xxxii. 17.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place
 In all generations.
 Before the mountains were brought forth,
 Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
 Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
 Thou turnest man to destruction ;
 And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
 For a thousand years in thy sight
 Are but as yesterday when it is past,
 And as a watch in the night.
 Thou carriest them away as with a flood ; they are
 as a sleep :
 In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up ;
 In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
 For we are consumed in thine anger,
 And in thy wrath are we troubled.
 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,
 Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath :
 We bring our years to an end as a tale *that is told*
 The days of our years are threescore years and ten,

Or even by reason of strength fourscore years ;
 Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow ;
 For it is soon gone, and we fly away.
 Who knoweth the power of thine anger,
 And thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto
 thee ?

So teach us to number our days,
 That we may get us an heart of wisdom.
 Return, O LORD ; how long ?
 And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
 O satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy ;
 That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou
 hast afflicted us,
 And the years wherein we have seen evil.
 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
 And thy glory upon their children.
 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us :
 And establish thou the work of our hands upon us ;
 Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.—Ps.
 xc.

III. GOD'S COMFORT.

Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.—*MATT.* v. 4.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.—*ISA.* xl. i.

The spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me ; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek ; he hath sent me to bind up the

brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of *the prison* to them that are bound ; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God ; to comfort all that mourn ; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness ; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.—ISA. lxi. 1-3.

Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel : I am the LORD thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.—ISA. xlviii. 17.

And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.—EZEK. xx. 37.

And thou shalt consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.—DEUT. viii. 5.

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried : they shall call on my name, and I will hear them : I will say, It is my people ; and they shall say, The LORD is my God.—ZECH. xiii. 9.

Fear not, for I have redeemed thee ; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee : when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned ; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy saviour.—ISA. xliii. 1-3.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy redeemer. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.—ISA. liv. 7-8, 10.

Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.—ISA. xli. 10.

I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee.—HEB. xiii. 5.

As many as I love, I reprove and chasten.—REV. iii. 19.

And ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you.—JOHN xvi. 22.

My grace is sufficient for thee: for *my* power is made perfect in weakness.—2 COR. xii. 9.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you.—ISA. li. 12.

These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.—JOHN xvi. 33.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.—JOHN xiv. 27.

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.—JOHN xi. 25-26.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

For he maketh sore and bindeth up;

He woundeth, and his hands make whole.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles;

Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.—JOB v. 17-19.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.—ROM. viii. 35, 37.

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.—2 COR. i. 3-4.

IV. SOVEREIGNTY.

Be still, and know that I am God.—Ps. xlvi. 10.

He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?—DAN. iv. 35.

Who hath directed the spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? *It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in.—ISA. xl. 13-15, 18, 22.

In whose hand is the soul of every living thing,
And the breath of all mankind.—JOB xii. 10.

The bows of the mighty men are broken,
And they that stumbled are girded with strength.

The LORD killeth, and maketh alive:

He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich:

He bringeth low, he also lifteth up.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S,
And he hath set the world upon them.

He will keep the feet of his holy ones.—I SAM. ii. 4, 6-9.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction;

And sayest, Return, ye children of men.—Ps. xc. 2-3.

Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God;

Thy judgments are a great deep.—Ps. xxxvi. 6.

The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice;
 Let the multitude of isles be glad.
 Clouds and darkness are round about him:
 Righteousness and judgment are the foundation
 of his throne.—Ps. xcvi. 1–2.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom
 and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable
 are his judgments, and his ways past tracing
 out! For who hath known the mind of the
 Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? or who
 hath first given to him, and it shall be recom-
 pensed unto him again? For of him, and through
 him, and unto him, are all things. To him *be*
 the glory for ever. Amen.—ROM. xi. 33–36.

Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the
 LORD JEHOVAH is an everlasting rock (a rock of
 ages).—ISA. xxvi. 4.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants:
 And none of them that trust in him shall be
 condemned.—Ps. xxxiv. 22.

The name of the LORD is a strong tower:
 The righteous runneth into it, and is safe.—PROV.
 xviii. 10.

In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence:
 And his children shall have a place of refuge.—
 PROV. xiv. 26.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? the
 everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends
 of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no
 searching of his understanding. He giveth power
 to the faint; and to him that hath no might he
 increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint

and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fail :
but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their
strength ; they shall mount up with wings as eagles ;
they shall run, and not be weary ; they shall walk,
and not faint.—ISA. xl. 28-31.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,

I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me :

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.—Ps. xxiii. 4.

Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.—Ps.

ii. 12.

V. MORTALITY.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place

In all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction ;

And sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight

Are but as yesterday when it is past,

And as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood ; they are
as a sleep :

In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up ;

In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed in thine anger,

And in thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,

Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath :
 We bring our years to an end as a tale *that is told*.
 The days of our years are threescore years and ten,
 Or even by reason of strength fourscore years ;
 Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow ;
 For it is soon gone, and we fly away.
 Who knoweth the power of thine anger,
 And thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto
 thee?

So teach us to number our days,
 That we may get us an heart of wisdom.
 Return, O LORD ; how long ?
 And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
 O satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy ;
 That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou
 hast afflicted us,
 And the years wherein we have seen evil.
 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
 And thy glory upon their children.
 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us :
 And establish thou the work of our hands upon us ;
 Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.—Ps. xc.

Man that is born of a woman
 Is of few days, and full of trouble.
 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down :
 He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.—

JOB xiv. 1-2.

As for man, his days are as grass ;
 As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.—Ps.
ciii. 15-16.

(For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing,
Because our days upon earth are a shadow.)—JOB
viii. 9.

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle.—JOB
vii. 6.

Now my days are swifter than a post :
They flee away, they see no good.
They are passed away as the swift ships
As the eagle that swoopeth on the prey.—JOB ix.
25-26.

My days are like a shadow that declineth.—Ps.
cii. 11.

LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of
him ?

Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him ?

Man is like to vanity :

His days are as a shadow that passeth away.—Ps.
cxliv. 3-4.

The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said,
What shall I cry ? All flesh is grass, and all the
goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field : the
grass withereth, the flower fadeth ; because the breath
of the LORD bloweth upon it : surely the people is
grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth : but
the word of our God shall stand for ever.—ISA. xl. 6-8.

Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we
will go into this city, and spend a year there, and
trade, and get gain : whereas ye know not what shall
be on the morrow. What is your life ? For ye are

a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that.—JAS. iv. 13-15.

There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power over the day of death; and there is no discharge in *that* war.—ECC. viii. 8.

LORD, make me to know mine end,
 And the measure of my days, what it is;
 Let me know how frail I am.
 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* handbreadths;
 And mine age is as nothing before thee:
 Surely every man at his best estate is altogether
 vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain shew:
 Surely they are disquieted in vain:
 He heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall
 gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for?
 My hope is in thee.—PS. xxxix. 4-7.
 Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burden,
 Even the God who is our salvation.
 God is unto us a God of deliverances;
 And unto JEHOVAH the Lord belong the issues from
 death.—PS. lxviii. 19-20.

Let me die the death of the righteous,
 And let my last end be like his!—NUMB. xxiii. 10.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.—1 THESS. iv. 14.

VI. CHASTENING.

Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that hath endured such gainsaying of sinners against themselves, that ye wax not weary, fainting in your souls. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin : and ye have forgotten the exhortation, which reasoneth with you as with sons,

My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the
Lord,

Nor faint when thou art reprov'd of him ;

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,

And scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

It is for chastening that ye endure ; God dealeth with you as with sons ; for what son is there whom *his* father chasteneth not ? But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence : shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live ? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* as seemed good to them ; but he for *our* profit, that *we* may be

partakers of his holiness. All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous, but grievous; yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, *even the fruit of righteousness.*—HEB. xii. 1-11.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy redeemer. For this is *as* the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will set thy stones in fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy pinnacles of rubies, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy border of pleasant stones.—ISA. liv. 7-12.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy
God?

These things I remember, and pour out my soul
within me,

How I went with the throng, and led them to the
house of God,

With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keep-
ing holyday.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul?

And *why* art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him

For the health of his countenance.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-
spouts:

All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in
the day-time,

And in the night his song shall be with me,

Even a prayer unto the God of my life.—Ps. xlii.

1-5, 7-8.

Will the Lord cast off for ever?

And will he be favorable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever?

Doth his promise fail for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious?

Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity;

But I will remember the years of the right hand of
the Most High.

I will make mention of the deeds of the LORD;

For I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also upon all thy work,

And muse on thy doings.—Ps. lxxvii. 7-12.

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning;

For in thee do I trust :

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk ;

For I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies :

I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do thy will ; for thou art my God :

Thy spirit is good ; lead me in the land of upright-
ness.

Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake :

In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

Ps. cxliii. 8-11.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest.—Ps.
xciv. 12.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth :

Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the
Almighty.

For he maketh sore, and bindeth up ;

He woundeth, and his hands make whole.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles ;

Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.—JOB
v. 17-19.

VII. GODLY SORROW.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation,
a repentance which bringeth no regret : but the
sorrow of the world worketh death.—2 COR. vii. 10.

And not only so, but let us also rejoice in our
tribulations : knowing that tribulation worketh
patience ; and patience, probation ; and probation,
hope : and hope putteth not to shame ; because the
love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts

through the Holy Ghost which was given unto us.
—ROM. v. 3-5.

Wherefore we faint not ; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory ; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen : for the things which are seen are temporal ; but the things which are not seen are eternal.
—2 COR. iv. 16-18.

Before I was afflicted I went astray ;

But now I observe thy word.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted ;

That I might learn thy statutes.—Ps. cxix. 67, 71.

When he slew them, then they inquired after him :

And they returned and sought God early.

And they remembered that God was their rock,

And the Most High God their redeemer.—Ps. lxxviii.

34-35.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you : but insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice ; that at the revelation of his glory also ye may rejoice with exceeding joy.—1 PET. iv. 12-13.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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.—ROM. viii. 38-39.

VIII. TRUST.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do
change,
And though the mountains be moved in the heart of
the seas ;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling
thereof.—Ps. xlvi. 1-3.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my
fortress ;
My God, in whom I trust.
For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.
He shall cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge :
His truth is a shield and a buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand ;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the reward of the wicked.
For thou, O LORD, art my refuge !—Ps. xci. 1-9.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven *but thee?*

And there is none upon earth that I desire beside
thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth :

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion
for ever.—Ps. lxxiii. 24-26.

For I know him whom I have believed, and I am
persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have
committed unto him against that day.—2 TIM. i. 12.
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me secretly
in his pavilion :

In the covert of his tabernacle shall he hide me :

He shall lift me up upon a rock.—Ps. xxvii. 5.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt re-
vive me.—Ps. cxxxviii. 7.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,

I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me ;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.—Ps. xxiii. 4.

As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness :

I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

—Ps. xvii. 15.

I know that my redeemer liveth,

And that he shall stand up at the last upon the earth :

And after my skin hath been thus destroyed,

Yet from my flesh shall I see God.—JOB xix. 25-26.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the de-
sire to depart and be with Christ ; for it is very far
better.—PHIL. i. 21, 23.

For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord (for we walk by faith, not by sight); we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord.—2 Cor. v. 1, 6-8.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward.—Rom. viii. 18.

Bless the LORD, O my soul ;
 And all that is within me, *bleſs* his holy name.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 And forget not all his benefits :
 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ;
 Who healeth all thy diſeaſes ;
 Who redeemeth thy life from deſtruction ;
 Who crowneth thee with lovingkindneſs and tender
 mercies :
 He will not always chide ;
 Neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.
 He hath not dealt with us after our ſins,
 Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
 So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
 As far as the eaſt is from the weſt,
 So far hath he removed our tranſgreſſions from us.
 Like as a father pitieth his children,
 So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame ;
 He remembereth that we are dust.—Ps. ciii. 1-4,
 9-14.

The LORD is my shepherd ; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul :
 He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his
 name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
 of death,
 I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me :
 Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
 Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of
 mine enemies :
 Thou hast anointed my head with oil ; my cup run-
 neth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
 days of my life :
 And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.
 —Ps. xxiii.

IX. RESURRECTION.

For to this end Christ died, and lived *again*, that
 he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.—
 ROM. xiv. 9.

Jesus saith unto Martha, Thy brother shall rise
 again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall
 rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus

said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life : he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.—JOHN xi. 23-26.

For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life : and I will raise him up at the last day.—JOHN vi. 40.

Why is it judged incredible with you, if God doth raise the dead?—ACTS xxvi. 8.

Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened, except it die : and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind ; but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own. So also is the resurrection of the dead.—1 COR. xv. 36-38, 42.

For our citizenship is in heaven ; from whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ : who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, *that it may be conformed to the body of his glory*, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.—PHIL. iii. 20-21.

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep ; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede

them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God : and the dead in Christ shall rise first : then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air : and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.—1 THESS. iv. 13-18.

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them : and *I saw* the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand ; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years. The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection : over these the second death hath no power ; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.—REV. xx. 4-6.

Now if Christ is preached that he hath been raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead ? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither hath Christ been raised : and if Christ hath not been raised, then is our preaching vain, your faith also is vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God ; because we witnessed of God that he raised up Christ : whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead are

not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither hath Christ been raised : and if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain ; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable.

But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are asleep. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order : Christ the firstfruits ; then they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then *cometh* the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father ; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. For, He put all things in subjection under his feet. But when he saith, All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him. And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

But some one will say, How are the dead raised ? and with what manner of body do they come ? Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened, except it die : and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind ; but God giveth it a body even as it pleased

him, and to each seed a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh : but there is one *flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fishes. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial : but the glory of the celestial is one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars ; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption ; it is raised in incorruption : it is sown in dishonour ; it is raised in glory : it is sown in weakness ; it is raised in power : it is sown a natural body ; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. So also it is written, The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural ; then that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy ; the second man is of heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy : and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God ; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery : We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump : for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall

be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not vain in the Lord.—I COR. xv. 12-58.

X. HEAVEN—THE PLACE.

Let not your heart be troubled: (ye) believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.—JOHN xiv. 1-3.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne

saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: her light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal: having a wall great and high; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels. And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; each one of the several gates was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof. And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof *is* the Lamb. And the nations shall walk amidst the light thereof: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory into it. And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there): And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.—REV. xxi. 1-4, 10-12, 21-27.

And he shewed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the

tree of life, bearing twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month : and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.—REV. xxii. 1-2.

HEAVEN—THE WORSHIP.

And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders ; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands ; saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things that are in them, heard I saying, Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, *be* the blessing, and the honour, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever.—REV. v. 11-13.

After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation, and of *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands ; and they cry with a great voice, saying, Salvation unto our God which sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four living creatures ; and they fell

before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto God for ever and ever. Amen.—REV. vii. 9-13.

HEAVEN—THE REWARD.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; for their works follow with them.—REV. xiv. 13.

And he that received the five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: lo, I have gained other five talents. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And he also that *received* the two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: lo, I have gained other two talents. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.—MATT. xxv. 20-23.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.—DAN. xii. 3.

And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith, Write: for these words are faithful and true. And he said unto me, They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.—REV. xxi. 3-7.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These which are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they? And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and