

in another. The consciousness that his eternal future is safe makes every blessing the sweeter which he receives on his way thither ; and it also lightens every labor, and neutralizes every trial. So near to immortal and unalloyed happiness, of how little consequence to him are the short-lived inconveniences he meets in his brief sojourn below, especially when he knows how necessary his trials and labors are to prepare him for eternal joy ! O, if such a man has not within him the elements of happiness, they cannot be found on earth. Daily the manna falls from heaven around him ; and even in the thirsty desert, he can smite the rock, and the cool and refreshing waters will gush out. And he knows that, when he comes to the banks of Jordan, the waters, touched by the wand of faith, will divide for his passage.

Such is the wonderful adaptation of the gospel system to human wants. How could it do more to fill and satisfy them ? Now, my argument is, that whenever men are made conscious of their spiritual wants, and such a gospel is made known to them, it will be eagerly embraced. And if embraced by a few, they cannot but make it known to others ; and thus, if no untoward influences prevent, will the whole mass at length be leavened. It does, indeed, meet with a powerful obstruction in human depravity ; and were it unadapted to the necessities of man, it could make no progress ; but now it has a catalytic power, which enables it to find its way through the sluggish mass.

*In the second place, man's conscience testifies to the truth of the gospel system, and thus prepares the way for its admission to the heart.*

Of all the powers of the human soul, conscience has suffered least from the blasting influence of the apostasy of the race. The corrupt heart is able to make every other faculty