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PREFACE.

I KNOW and am fully persuaded, that there is more in the Lord Jesus Christ than there is in the whole oreation. There is more love in His heart for us than hatred in Satan's against us; more power in Him to bless than in the whole universe to curse; and more willingness in Him to give than there is in us to receive. He is to us the Father's Treasury, filled with all manner of good for poor, needy sinners, for weak and timid believers, for despairing penitents, for tried and tempted Christians, for the hungry and the thirsty; full of grace and truth, far exceeding above all we can ask or think.

Of all the great, glorious, and gracious promises, He is the liberal Dispenser, as He is their sum and substance and end ; for all are through Him, and in Him, and for Him, for ever.

If so, it must follow, that of all religious habits there is not one of greater pleasure, of greater power, and of greater profitableness, than that of

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daily walking with Jesus amidst these marvellous manifestations of boundless mercy.

Who can tell what multitudes, now in want and misery, might be relieved, from how many evils we might be delivered, what showers of bleasings might be poured out on families, on Churches, and on nations, were these precious promises pleaded in faith and earnestness and power? Perhaps there is no class of persons more wanted in the present day than powerful pleaders with God, who, with enlightened minds, with warm and loving hearts, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, would bring down the mightiest energies and influences on the seed sown, making every effort successful in bringing on the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is by prayer that the Almighty permits Himself to be overcome by weakness; the Holy One by guiltiness; the All-sufficient by emptiness; and the key to all the treasures of grace is given to the earnest secker, however poor, ignorant, or wretched.

This is to live in the promised land-that land which patriarches and prophets saw in the distance, which gladdened the heart of Abraham when he saw the day of Christ and rejoiced-the land which appeared in vision to Issiah, and which he described as the way of koliness, the highway in which wayfaring men, though fools, should not err, and where the ransoned of the Lord should obtain

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everlasting joy and gladness. It is not far off; it is nigh thee; there is no need to say, Who shall ascend into heaven? or, Who shall descend into the deep? for we are the children of the promises they have been fulfilled in the coming of Christ, are being fulfilled in the dispensation of the Spirit, and it is for us to realise them in all their fulness and power.

It is truly a goodly land, flowing with milk and with honey, where the Sun of Righteouaness ahines most brilliantly by day, and where the nights are illuminated by innumerable stars. Here the atmosphere is the breath of infinite love, mild, salubrious, and bracing; the very leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations; and the happy inhabitants who live up to their privileges, freed from anxiety and care in the presence and favour of Him who careth for them, ripening for glory, daily advance to the rest which remainsth for the people of God.

It is with the hope that this book may tend to foster the habit of living on the promises, to leaven the mind with them, to lead to such earnest and persevering pleading as to secure their fulfilment, that it is sent forth into this world of want " and woe. In all this Jesus is the grand encouragement; and we shall believe, realise, and plead them as we are enabled to see Him shining in them. " Remember thy sins," writes an old divine, " and

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Christ's pardonings ; thy deserts, Christ's merits ; thy weakness, Christ's strength ; thy pride, Christ's humility ; thy many infirmities, Christ's restorings ; thy guilt, Christ's new application of His blood ; thy failings, Christ's assistance ; thy wants, Christ's fulness ; thy temptations, Christ's tenderness ; thy vileness, Christ's righteousness ; for in him shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory."

Encouraged by the manifold proofs of the usefulness of his former work, "The All-in-all for Every Day," the Author commits this to Him who can make it an abundant blessing, and raise from it a revenue of glory to His most gracious name for ever and for ever.

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Wz are curious to see the source of those rivers which enrich the land, fertilise and make it fruitful; much more momentous is it and interesting to discover the source of these exceeding great and precious promises, the infinite fountain whence they flow. The Apostle here unfolds it, and exults in it—" the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." This is the eternal spring—Jesus, the first and fairest object of the Father's love; next, all who are Christ's, the meanest and the mightiest, all loved infinitely, everlastingly, in Christ, with Christ, and for His sake. He, the Beloved Head, receives all fulness, and pours it abundantly on all His members.

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