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**THE CHRISTIAN'S PRIVILEGE.**

• Where should the living, weeping o'er his woes:  
The dying, trembling at the awful close:  
Where the betray'd, forsaken, and oppress'd,  
The thousands whom the world forbids to rest,  
Where should they find, (those comforts at an end,  
'The Scripture yields) or hope to find a friend?  
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That field of promise; how it flings abroad  
Its odour o'er the Christian's thorny road!  
The soul, relying on assur'd relief,  
Feels herself happy amidst all her grief,  
Forgets her labour, as she toils along,  
Weeps tears of joy, and bursts into a song.

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"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God."

Isaiah xl. 1.

"In the multitude of my thoughts within me, Thy  
comforts delight my soul."

Psalm xciv. 19.

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## PREFACE

TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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It having pleased God to bless the First Edition of this little volume, and frequent enquiries having been made for it, since the first impression was disposed of, it is *again* sent forth to the world, in the humble hope, that it may *once more*, by the blessing of God, accomplish the Author's double object, viz. *to glorify God, and comfort those who are cast down*:—God is glorified, when His children are comforted, by *whatever* means He may choose, or by *whatever* instrument He may appoint, for the accomplishment of His will, that His people should be *a comforted people*. [Isaiah xl. 1.] The Author knows not that he has any thing to *retract*: nor has he *added* much: the subjects, of which he has written, are not like those of philosophy and of astronomy: we cannot make (*theoretically at least*, since we have no new Revelation,) any fresh discoveries of the faithfulness of our GOD AND FATHER IN CHRIST JESUS: we cannot add unto it, nor can we

fathom it;—nor can we say that we have *more* to tell of the loving-kindness of the Redeemer, **JESUS, IMMANUEL, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**; He is “*the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever* :” [Hebrews xiii. 8.] And so of **THE HOLY GHOST**, the Comforter; as **GOD**, He has all the attributes of Deity, He is unchanged and unchangeable, the Spirit, who, according to the promise of **CHRIST JESUS**, shall abide with the people of **GOD** for ever. [John xiv. 16.]

In thus sending forth a Second Edition of **THE CHRISTIAN'S PRIVILEGE**, the Author is thankful for the assurance, which he has, in many instances, received, that it has been *his* privilege, by the will of **GOD**, to recall many Christians to a knowledge of true comfort—to a sense of their blessings and privileges in **CHRIST JESUS**. And that which the **LORD** *has* done, we would fain hope He will yet be pleased to do, according to the riches of His mercy and grace. In some measure, he sends this little volume into the world, as an arrow from his quiver, and as far as *man* is concerned, he draws “*his bow at a venture* ;” but it is with him a subject of Prayer, that it may be seen that he has been permitted to draw from that quiver, whose “*arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies*, (such as *unbelief, weakness of faith, despondency and distrust*,) and “*whereby they shall fall*” under the feet of the Christian mourner, as *vanquished enemies* ! [Psalm xl. 5.] He humbly trusts that he shall **ONCE MORE** be the honoured instrument of speaking “*a word in*

*season to him that is weary,"* or to call to a sense of their high and precious privileges, those who, through *distrust, unbelief, or weakness of faith*, walk in the valley of sorrows, and refuse to be comforted: in the midst of their trials, sufferings and chastisements, he would that they should *now* see and gladly acknowledge that *this* is the true testimony to be borne by all the children of God in all His dispensations towards them, "*He led them forth BY THE RIGHT WAY, that they might go to a city of habitation.*" and lastly, in the words which follow these, the Author can not but join in the devout wish of the Psalmist, "*Oh! that men would praise THE LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.*" Psalm cvii. 7—9.

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