

The Christian

The Christian in his right temper is compared to the best of everything; “if a lily, the fairest; if to a cedar, the tallest; if to an olive tree, the most fruitful; and his smell shall be of Lebanon”. We should therefore make use of natural things and apply them to spiritual things. If we see a lily, think of God’s promise and our duty, then we shall grow as lilies; when we see a tall tree, then think, “I must grow higher in grace.” And when we see a vine, think, “I must grow in fruitfulness,” when we go into our orchards or gardens, let a sight of these things raise our thoughts higher to a consideration of what is required and of what is promised.



THOSE that have eyes dazzled with the false lustre of the world, lack spiritual light; Christ Himself when here on earth lived a concealed life; only at certain times some beams broke out. So let it comfort us that our glory is hid in Christ; now it is clouded with the malice of wicked men and with our own infirmities, but let us comfort ourselves that we are glorious in the eyes of God and His holy angels.



THOSE that care not for the Word of God reject their comfort; for all comfort must be drawn out of the Scriptures, which are the breasts of consolation; many are brought up by education to know the truth and are able to discourse in it, but they lack the Spirit of truth, and that is the reason why all knowledge vanishes away in time of trial and temptation. R. Sibbes



Psalm 102:17. “He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.”