

Meditations When My Soul Hath Been Refreshed

by Anne Bradstreet

The sermon emphasizes the comfort and assurance that comes from knowing our relationship with God as Creator, Father, and member of Christ's body.

Scripture: Isaiah 64:8, 2 Corinthians 6:18, Ephesians 5:23, 1 John 3:2-3

Topics: "Divine Love", "Christian Privileges"

Description

Anne Bradstreet preaches about the assurance of God's love and the privileges bestowed upon believers as children of God. She reflects on the intimate relationships believers have with God as their Father, Christ as their brother, and the Holy Spirit as their husband. Bradstreet emphasizes the profound nature of these privileges, expressing awe and gratitude for what God has done. She encourages believers to purify themselves and eagerly anticipate being in God's presence in Heaven.

Transcript

Lord, why should I doubt any more when Thou hast given me such assured pledges of Thy love? First, Thou art my Creator, I Thy creature, Thou my master, I Thy servant. But hence arises not my comfort, Thou art my Father, I Thy child; "Ye shall be My sons and daughters," saith the Lord Almighty. Christ is my brother, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, unto my God and your God; but lest this should not be enough, thy maker is thy husband. Nay more, I am a member of His body, He my head.

Such privileges had not the Word of Truth made them known, who or where is the man that durst in his heart have presumed to have thought it?

So wonderful are these thoughts that my spirit fails in me at the consideration thereof. and I am confounded to think that God, who hath done so much for me, should have so little from me. But this is my comfort, when I come to Heaven, I shall understand perfectly what He hath done for me, and then shall I be able to praise Him as I ought. Lord, having this hope, let me purify myself as Thou art pure, and let me be no more afraid of death, but even desire to be dissolved and be with Thee, which is best of all.

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