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Morning Sermon

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, My servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, My servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, My servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. (Isaiah 65:13,14)

I was meditating upon another portion of the word of God last evening, when the words I have just read by way of text came with a degree of power into my soul, so that I was obliged to leave the portion I was meditating upon, and compelled to meditate upon these words. As I did so, my mind travelled to my people, and I had such thoughts as these: I wonder if my people to whom I hope to minister on the coming day – and having wondered, I put the question to you – Do you know what it is to have your mind upon a portion of the word of God, and then for your mind to be turned to another portion of the word of God, and to meditate upon that portion? I hope it is so, because these are moments to be remembered. The Holy Spirit will bring such seasons to remembrance in after days, when you have perhaps forgotten all about it. Then it will prove helpful to you when you look back to the time when the word of the Lord was indeed precious. The word of the Lord was indeed precious in those days. There are particular days in the experience of the Lord's people, when it is precious. *Jeremiah* says: *Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart. (ch.15:16)* O can you look back to the time when the word of the Lord was sweet to you, sweet as honey? *You have esteemed the word of His mouth more than your necessary food. (Job 23:12)*

God has spoken to His people in all ages, and He does still speak peace to them. It is a mercy to hear when God speaks. *He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Matthew 11:15)* God does speak, and sometimes powerfully, to the soul, and He puts strength into the soul, as *Daniel* says: *Let my Lord speak, for Thou hast strengthened me. (ch.10:19)* He can strengthen the souls of His people. He does speak to them, as Samuel proved it, when he said: *Speak, (Lord); for Thy servant heareth. (1 Samuel 3:10)* O it is a mercy to be waiting to hear from the Lord.

Whatever God speaks, that He makes good. It is a mercy to be favoured in meditating upon this. *God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man that He should repent. (Numbers 23:19)* I remember a young man about sixteen years of age, when he was dying, he said he could not lie. There are solemn things spoken of in this chapter. And in 53rd *Isaiah* you will find the church pleading with the Lord, and the Lord answers, and He speaks very solemn things. You know, there was a people within a people. O friends, you know it is a solemn thing. There are heaps of professors who never hear when the Lord speaks. *Therefore, says the Lord, will I number you to the sword, and ye shall bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before Mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not. (Isaiah 65:12)* But there was a remnant according to the election of grace, and the Lord says, concerning this remnant: *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, My servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, My servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, My servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. (v.13,14)*

Now, when the Lord says He will make good, He will. *Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold!* O my friends, when God speaks, we do well to hear. *Behold!* You will find we have here God's servants, and we have those who, though they may profess His name, they do not serve Him; they do not fear Him, nor hear Him; they have no heart to fear Him. It is a solemn consideration, and we would be led to speak solemn things concerning these things to you. *If thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as My mouth. (Jeremiah 15:19)* No man was more discriminating and

separating than Christ in His ministry, and God's servants must be so too. O what an unspeakable mercy of mercies to be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ! The Lord has said in His blessed word: *A seed shall serve Him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this. (Psalm 22:30,31)*

No man truly serves God until he is born of God, and quickened by the blessed Spirit. A sinner in a state of nature cannot serve Him, whatever he may profess, and he does not work to serve God. The language of his soul is: "What is the Almighty that we should serve Him, and what profit is there that we should pray to Him?" If you are dead in trespasses and sins, there will be this – I do not say outwardly – What profit that I should pray unto Him? How many go so far as to say, "There is no God", and therefore they have no desire to serve God? Look at that condemned wretch the other day, when the judge had passed sentence of death, he said he would not have God's mercy, neither did he believe there was a God in heaven. *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. (Psalm 14:1)* Ah, the fool will have no God to support him in eternity. O no, my friends, he will have no God in heaven. But there is a God in heaven, and there comes a time in the experience of the vessels of mercy, when they know there is a God in heaven, and they also know there is a hell. I sometimes say, when persons ask me if there is a hell, Yes, because I have had a taste of it in my soul. The time will come, when that man that knows nothing of having hell in his soul, will be cast into hell. *Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. (Luke 12:5)*

There comes a time when sinners, quickened by divine grace, who have lived in sin, begin to feel after the things of God, and to seek God. When a sinner is quickened into divine life, then he begins to pray, and call upon the name of the Lord. And we are told in the word of God that *Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)* It is a mercy when men and women begin to call upon the name of the Lord. I mean, really so. You may have been taught from early life to call upon the name of the Lord, and to use a form of prayer, but you would not like to be told you have never prayed. But I believe it is the case with a good many. There is no right desire after God or the things of God, and they are the servants of sin, and sin reigns in their mortal body, and they find their members are as instruments of unrighteousness. They love sin, it is a sweet morsel, they chew it under their tongue. And they –

*Indulge their lust, and still go on
As far from God as sheep can run.*

But in some cases, how true it is –

*The appointed time rolls on apace,
Not to propose but call by grace;
To change the heart, renew the will,
And turn the feet to Zion's hill. (John Kent)*

God sometimes permits His people to live year after year after this manner, and He has even permitted some to make a profession, and to preach, and yet they have never called upon His name. This brings to remembrance a minister who had preached a most solemn sermon concerning the new birth. One of his hearers asked him if it was true what he had been preaching. "O yes", he said, "it is quite true." "Then I wonder what will become of us?" he said. The minister wondered why he asked him. The man asked him again. The Lord began to work in the heart of that poor man, and in the heart of the minister too. The minister never spoke again for weeks. Then he prayed to the Lord, and he did not dare to go before the people again, until the Lord had revealed His saving grace to him. Then he went forth again to preach, not as he once preached, but as having been born of God, and brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord. He prayed as he had never prayed before. He preached the word with energy and power, and as one whom the Lord had turned from darkness into light.

There comes a time in the experience of every vessel of mercy when they obey from the heart the form of doctrine which was delivered unto them. They obey the doctrine of God, and the doctrine drops as the rain, and distils as the dew. It comes down upon the soul, and the soul looks toward the Lord Jesus Christ, even according to His word: *Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am*

God, and there is none else. (Isaiah 45:22) He is the just God, and the Saviour, and the sinner who is brought to know this begins to serve the Lord. And being made free from sin, and the love of it, he becomes a servant of God and His word, unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)* The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ cleanses this man's conscience from sin and dead works, to serve the true and living God.

It is a mercy to know anything savingly of these things, to have our consciences sprinkled with blood, and to be brought to serve the Lord, and to fear the Lord, and to know the Lord, and to follow the Lord. *If any man serve Me, says Christ, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me (minister, as we might read it) him will My Father honour. (John 12:26)* There is such a thing as serving Christ, and leaving all to follow Christ. Serve Him in our day and generation. When men do anything in the name of the Lord to one of His disciples, He says: *Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me. (Matthew 25:40)* What a mercy to be made willing to leave all for Christ, and to follow Him! What a mercy to be made willing to leave a world of sin, ah, and our loved ones too, to do the will of Christ, and to be found serving Him in our day and generation!

The Lord has servants, those who really serve Him with gladness. I would be found serving Him. *I had rather be a doorkeeper, says one, in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)* Is this the desire of your heart? O I would be found following Him. I had a letter during the week from a godly minister, a pastor of a church. He has lately lost a hearer, a godly woman. He has often visited her, and he said, "One morning I was reading to her that portion: *If ye love Me, keep My commandments. (John 14:15)* She stopped me and said, 'I look back to the time when I longed to keep God's commandments, and I have regretted it all the days of my life.' Though she had not been baptized, she believed, but the obedient child of God will desire to be baptized. *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 28:19)*

O my dear friends, what I want to bring you is this: It is a mercy to be a servant of the Lord. I know if you are a servant of the Lord you are exercised as to whether you serve Him. O think of Him, infinite in purity, and cannot look upon sin with any allowance, and yet He does permit worms of earth to serve Him. I am lost sometimes, when I think of it. The Queen of Sheba thought the servants of Solomon were honoured men to sit at his table and serve him. O what shall we say concerning serving the Lord in our day and generation! Sometimes I fall flat at His blessed feet, and I say, "Lord, I do love Thee, and I would serve Thee.

*Take my body, spirit, soul,
Only Thou possess the whole. (F R Havergal ?)*

Give me grace to do Thy bidding in my day and generation. These words dropped with divine power into my soul last evening, *That I may serve Him* – with all humility of mind, with many tears and temptations. That's you, is it not, poor sinner? You serve the Lord with all humility of mind, and you would be clothed with humility, and with the many temptations you are the subject of. And you know what it is at times to be tempted that you do not serve the Lord. There is so much sin in you, and it seems impossible that you serve the Lord. And you labour under these temptations.

*Buts, ifs, and hows are hurled
To sink us with the gloom
Of all that's dismal in this world,
Or in the world to come. (Joseph Hart)*

The apostle Paul knew what it was to find sin working in his members, and every servant of God does. He says: *I delight in the law of God after the inward man.* Every child of God does. But there is another man – sin – in your members, and this makes you groan, and say: *O wretched man that I am!*

who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. (v.24,5) We serve the law of sin: It is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. (v.20) O it is a mercy to be dead to sin, and to be a partaker of grace. Paul says: I am crucified with Christ (or, as it may be rendered, in Christ): nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. (Galatians 2:20) Ah, sometimes the word of God will appear to be against you, and you desire the Lord to give you light upon it. Those of you that are exercised after this manner – I know the path, and I often beg of the Lord to enlighten me upon it. Such a word as this: Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin...If the Son...shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John 8:34,36) If we know something of the workings of sin, we, the children of God, by faith in Jesus Christ, shall live for ever. We shall never go into condemnation. There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Romans 8:1)

And there is this walking after the Spirit, and the servant of God talks with Him, and his heart is set upon Him. And he serves Christ. Do you? Do I? Am I one that serves Him? I am a minister; you are a deacon, a member; but are we servants of Christ? Here it is my text: *My servants shall eat, but ye...* It comes very close, my friends. There is a people within a people. O is my name written here: *My servants* – or here: *but ye?* I hope you will be exercised concerning this, as I trust I am. I want to know that I am a servant of God. You know, I was going to say, Christ had the witness of God that He was His Son, and He had the witness of men, and of devils, that He was the Son of God. And I was going to say, the servants of God have the witness within at times that they are the servants of God, and men have testified too. You ask; What do you mean? Well, I mean this. You have the witness of God at times that you are His servants, that He has brought you from the love of sin to serve Him. And you seek to serve Him.

The apostle Paul, and others, had the testimony of devils, for that poor woman cried unto him and said: *These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation. (Acts 16:17)* And men, too, have taken knowledge of us, that we are the servants of God. Is thy God whom thou servest continually able to deliver thee? (see *Daniel 6:16*) God cares for His servants, friends, and He has made all provision for them. It is well; it must be well with them that serve the Lord.

O are you serving the Lord? I am not an Arminian, God knows that, but I put this question: On whose side are you? Whom are you serving? *Choose you this day, says Joshua, whom ye will serve...As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)* O my friends, if you have the grace of God in you, though it costs you something, you will serve the Lord. We have no fault to find in Him, says the man. If a mistress' or master's eye is not upon them, they serve them, and they say, If we want to find fault, we must find it concerning their God. O it is a mercy when they cannot find fault except in this particular. You know, when the decree was made, it did not stop Daniel from serving his God. *Dare to be a Daniel*, persons sing in the streets, little knowing what it is to serve Him in spite of persecution.

I shall have to leave the subject. May the Lord grant all His blessing, and to His Name shall be all the praise.

Afternoon Sermon

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, My servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, My servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, My servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. (Isaiah 65:13,14)

We are either the servants of God, or the servants of the devil. We are either serving God, or serving the devil. It is a very solemn consideration, and I know some of you are very graciously exercised as to whose servants you are. O my friends, it is a mercy of mercies to have the witness in our own souls

that we serve the Lord. There is a people that God brings by His grace to serve Him, and they do serve the Lord, and love Him, and seek to know His will, and they love to do His will. Now these need great grace – they serve a great God.

The apostle Paul says: *Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. (Hebrews 12:28)* Are you ever concerned as to whether you serve God with reverence and godly fear? Do you know what it is to serve Him in His fear, and to wait upon the Lord? How many of you are waiting upon the Lord, and are the servants of the Lord? How many of you are coming into this house of prayer this afternoon to serve the Lord with gladness? There is such a thing as serving the Lord with gladness. He puts gladness sometimes into the soul, and we serve Him, and wait upon Him. And in waiting upon Him, we renew our strength, we mount up as on eagles' wings, we walk and do not faint. He puts gladness in our hearts, and we walk up and down in the name of the Lord, and we appeal unto Him, as the psalmist did: *I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid: Thou hast loosed my bonds. (Psalm 116:16)* And He has loosed your bonds, and you have gone forth in the dances of them that make merry.

He is good to His people, and they testify of His goodness in the land of the living. Has not God been good to some of us? Our friends have experienced it in their breathings this afternoon, and we felt we could say the same. I have been an unprofitable servant. I do not serve Him as I would serve Him. Is God magnified in your body as you would have Him magnified in your body? I trow not. Sometimes I do fall at His blessed feet, and I do make my confession, and I say, "Lord, I am an unprofitable servant." I wish I could serve Him better, love Him more, and cleave closer to the word of His grace. O for more life! Lord, look upon me; be gracious unto me. Let my soul live, that I may praise Thee. Let me love to do Thy will.

God cares for His servants. As I asked you this morning, so I repeat the question: Is your name written here: *My servants?* Or in this little word: *Ye?* *Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye ...* He speaks to His servants, and He speaks to the wicked of His servants, if I may so put it. They do not all serve Him as they profess to do. Did you notice, when we read the chapter just now in your hearing, that the Lord is represented as saying to some in the day of eternity who shall knock and say, *Open unto us,* He said: *I know you not whence ye are.* And they say: *We have eaten and drunk in Thy presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets. But He shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity. (Luke 13:24-30)* *Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 7:21)* Many will say in that day, Lord, Lord, that have never entered the kingdom of God's grace. God has never favoured them with an abundant entrance into the kingdom of His grace. They are in their sins, and in their blood, though they are in the professing church. It is a solemn thought, friends – we may be in the church, and yet twice dead, as *Jude* puts it: *Twice dead, plucked up by the roots. (v.12)* It is not to say because I enter the pulpit I am God's servant; or the deacon that gives out the hymns, or that your name is in the church book, that you are God's servants. It does not satisfy me because I preach that I am God's servant – I want the witness in my own soul.

I trust I know His mercy in a precious Christ. There have been moments when I have been enabled to say, I know in whom I have trusted, and I have said: *Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth.* God reveals Himself to His servants. He is with His servants. He will never leave them to go to warfare on their own charges, and He will keep them in the work He has appointed them to, and they shall serve Him in His temple in ministering to His redeemed. They shall serve Him in their day and generation. And when they have done and suffered the will of God here below, they shall serve Him day and night in His temple. They shall serve Him without let or hindrance. They shall serve Him without knowing anything of weariness of body, or carping care, or temptations, and they will gorge upon Him and sit at His blessed feet and crown Him Lord of all. *The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His (2 Timothy 2:19)* You may make a mistake, but God never makes a mistake. He knows His servants, and He has called them by His grace, and they serve Him with humility of mind, with many fears and temptations – God's servants.

But ye. O my friends, what solemn characters! *Ye.* Now you know we are either God's servants, or we belong to the *Ye.* As we are in this house of prayer this afternoon, it is so. We are either the servants of God, or we are the servants of sin, and we are in our sins, indulging our lusts without God and without hope in the world. O what blessed things we have in the words of our text concerning God's servants! But what solemn things concerning those who do not serve Him, and in whose heart there is no desire to serve Him! The Lord speaks concerning these characters, and He says: *When I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear: but did evil before Mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.*

I know some of you are sorely exercised. I gather it from your petitions at the throne of grace from time to time. I remember them during the week. Friend So-and-so, a gracious man, an exercised man, and he wants the witness in his own soul. You know you must have the witness in your own soul, my friends. God's servants are more exercised as they grow in years, because they are growing in grace. It is a mercy to be exercised. I would not be without solemn exercises. I would be exercised concerning the things of God, of what I know of God, the salvation of God, and as to whether I serve Him in holiness and righteousness. For there is a people that God delivers out of the hand of their enemies, and they serve Him in fear and holiness and righteousness. And these people are not without solemn exercises concerning their serving the Lord. They go before the Lord, and ask Him to give them the witness in their own souls that they are the servants of God. I believe that some of you, if anyone were to say to you, You re not a servant of God, you would hang down your head. But another time, you could say, I am God's servant. I do serve the Lord, and I do seek to know the will of God. It is manifest in your life, walk, and conversation. It is seen, and men take knowledge of it.

One man said to another, "I am a Christian." He had worked with him for years. The other man said, "If you had not told me, I should not have known it." O my friends, this is true: *Who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? (1 Corinthians 4:7)* O to grace you are a debtor, and you ascribe it to the grace of God, to Him who has separated you in spirit from the world, and formed you for Himself, to show forth His praise. He puts a difference between the Israelites and the Egyptians, and you serve the Lord. I believe this, friends: they serve God when grace is in exercise, though they know what it will cost them for serving Him

I might refer to blessed characters that we have mentioned in the word of the Lord, if time would allow. Of Moses when he was come to years, and refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, but would rather be numbered with the afflicted and the hated. He would be numbered with them, and so would you, and so would I. O put me with those that fear Thy Name.

*If endless life be their reward,
I shall possess the same. (Isaac Watts)*

Behold, says God, *My servants.* Notice how many times you see these words in these two verses. *Behold, My servants shall eat.* God will give them meat to eat, and He will feed them. When there is a famine of hearing the Word, God feeds His servants. O my friends, the Lord takes care of His servants. He fed Elijah. Elijah shut up heaven by prayer. The Lord sent the ravens with food.

*More likely to rob than to feed,
Were ravens, which feed upon prey;
But when the Lord's people have need,
His goodness will find out a way. (John Newton)*

God's goodness found out a way to feed the prophet. He gave him flesh to eat, and he drank of the running brook until it was dried up. Then what of that? God is the God of the brook. If there is no water, He can command His servants where to go. How mysterious are the dealings of God! He did not say, I command a rich man to feed thee, but I have commanded a widow woman to sustain thee.

God did supply the needs of the widow and of His servant. How good the Lord has been to His servants! This is fulfilled as far as spiritual things are concerned.

Behold, My servants shall eat. The Lord will give them food to eat. There is not a servant of God here but who can testify that the Lord has fed you. He has fed His servants in all ages. You hunger now for heavenly food, it may be, and your poor heart cries out for God. And as you look to Him He opens His bountiful hand and they all wait upon Him. So the Lord's servants, they look to Him, and He gives them food to eat, and many a child of God has said, when he has been serving his Lord, "I have meat to eat the world knows nothing of." God feeds His servants with choice food. He gives them to eat the hidden manna, and the Pascal Lamb, and the corn and wine.

My servants shall eat. O my friends, God's *shalls* will stand. I do love the *shalls* of the Almighty. And we have many of them in these two verses. They shall eat. I will bountifully bless her provisions. He will satisfy His poor with bread. He will deal with His servants as a gracious and merciful God. If God were to deal with me as I have merited His dealings ever since I have professed to love Him, He would never open His hands as a God of providence, or as a God of grace. The Lord will abundantly bless the provision of His house, and satisfy His poor with bread. Sometimes, friends, we have longed to eat, and we have wondered whether we should ever eat again. But the Lord's promise must stand. I speak it with reverence. He will feed His flock; He will feed His servants.

My servants, says God, shall eat. They shall sit under My shadow with great delight, and My words shall be sweet to their taste. (*see Song of Solomon 2:3*) I will speak to them: *Eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.* (*Song 5:1*) God is merciful, gracious, and long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, and He is of one mind concerning the salvation and provision of His servants, and none can turn Him.

My servants shall eat. Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord – but – *he shall eat.* He feared the God of the Hebrews, he said, when they asked him his name, and the country from whence he came. He did not look much like it – he is fleeing from the presence of the Lord. Make a full end of him, and serve him right, rebellious servant! But Jonah must know something of the long-suffering mercy and goodness of the Lord. He goes to the depths of the earth, and after a time he prayed to the Lord, and the Lord brought him up, and he said: *Salvation is of the Lord.* (*ch.2:9*) And he paid his vow. And so will every servant pay his vow unto the Lord. *It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed.* (*Lamentations 3:22*)

*Rebellious thou hast been,
And art rebellious still;
But since in love I took thee in,
My promise I'll fulfil. (Henry Fowler)*

God feeds you notwithstanding your rebellion and unprofitableness. He works mightily in you, and brings you down in honest confession to acknowledge that you are not worthy to be fed and dealt with as one of His servants. Look at the prodigal son, how he goes into a far country and spends his substance with riotous living. And when he came to himself, he said, In my father's house there is bread; here am I in a starving condition. I will arise and go to him, and confess my sin, and ask him to make me as one of his hired servants. The father runs to meet him, and fell upon his neck and kissed him. Kill the fatted calf. He shall eat. When the elder son came, he said he would not go in, but the father came, and entreated him that he would come in. (*see Luke 15:11-32*) O the compassion, the mercy, and pity – the love of God to His servants! Notwithstanding all their baseness, He will feed them. He will bring them down to His blessed feet, and He will satisfy their soul, and He will give them to eat. They shall eat His flesh, and drink His blood, in signs of bread and wine.

Have not most of you known something of what it has been to eat? Has He not given you meat to eat? O you dare not say He has not. He has given you food to eat, and the word to nourish you, and thus helped you, and you have gone in the strength of this for days together. And you have been brought to cry, as the psalmist did: *Remember the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to*

hope. (Psalm 119:49) God does cause His servants to hope on His word, and they put Him in remembrance of the word He has spoken. And the Lord does in this respect abundantly above all that we are able to ask or even to think.

Behold, says God in the words of my text, *My servants shall eat*. Here is the promise which God makes good in the experience of every servant of His. *Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart. (Jeremiah 15:16)* They eat. The time is coming when they shall eat, and they shall sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb. They shall eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. All tears shall be wiped from their eyes. *Behold, My servants shall eat*.

I shall have to leave the subject. We have hardly touched upon it. May the Lord fasten the words upon your hearts and consciences in your further meditation upon it, and may He indulge you to eat Him. O that He may give you food to eat, so that you shall be enabled to say:

*Never did angels taste above,
Redeeming grace and dying love. (Isaac Watts)*

Let us close with a word of prayer.