

BEATITUDES.

XIX. *Happiness*

PSALMS 112, 41 and 1.

- M.* Happy the man who feareth the Lord, who taketh delight in his commandments !
- C.* His posterity shall be mighty on the earth ; the race of the righteous shall be blessed.
Wealth and honor shall be in his house ; his righteousness shall endure for ever.
To the righteous shall arise light out of darkness ; he is gracious and full of compassion and righteousness.
- Happy the man who hath pity and lendeth ! he shall sustain his cause in judgment ;
Yea, he shall never be moved : the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
He is not afraid of evil tidings ; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.
His heart is firm ; he hath no fear, till he see his wishes fulfilled.
He hath scattered blessings ; he hath given to the poor ; his righteousness shall endure forever ; his name shall be exalted with honor.
- Happy are they who have regard to justice, who practice righteousness at all times !
Happy is he who hath regard to the poor ! the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.
The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive ; he shall be happy on the earth.
- Happy the man who walketh not in the counsel of the unrighteous.

Nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in
 the seat of scoffers ;
 But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and
 who meditateth on His precepts day and night.
 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that
 bringeth forth its fruit in its reason,
 Whose leaves also do not wither ; all that he doeth
 shall prosper,
 Not so the unrighteous ; they are like chaff, which
 the wind driveth away.
 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in judgment,
 nor sinners in the assembly of the just.
 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but
 the way of the wicked leadeth to ruin.

XX. Domestic Happiness.

PSALMS 133, 131, 127, 128.

- M.* Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to
 dwell together in unity !
- C.* It is like precious perfume upon the head, like the
 dew which descendeth upon the mountains of
 Zion.
 For there the Lord commandeth a blessing, even
 life for evermore.
- O Lord ! my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes
 lofty ; I employ not myself on things too won-
 derful for me !
- Yea, I have stilled and quieted my soul as a weaned
 child upon his mother.
- O Israel ! trust in the Lord, henceforth even for
 ever !

Except the Lord build the house, the builders labor
in vain ; except the Lord guard the city, the
watchman waketh in vain ;

In vain ye rise up early, and go to rest late, and eat
the bread of care ! the same giveth He to his
beloved one in sleep.

Behold ! sons are an inheritance from the Lord, and
children are His blessing.

As arrows in the hand of the warrior, so are the
sons of valiant men :

Happy the man that hath his quiver full of them !
they shall not be put to shame, when they
speak with adversaries in the gate.

Happy is he who feareth the Lord, who walketh in
His ways ;

Thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands ; happy shalt
thou be, and it shall be well with thee !

Thy wife shall be like a fruitful vine within thy
house ! thy children like olive-branches round
about thy table.

Behold ! thus happy is the man who feareth the
Lord !

The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion, and thou
shalt see the prosperity of thy children all the
days of thy life ;

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children ; peace
be to Israel ! _____

XX. The Lord is my Sheperd.

PSALMS 23, 125 and 121.

M. The Lord is my sheperd ; I shall not want.

C. He maketh me lie down in green pastures ; He lead-
eth me beside the still waters.

He reviveth my soul ; He leadeth me in paths of safety, for his name's sake.

When I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil ; for 'Thou art with me ; Thy stay and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

They who trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, which standeth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people, henceforth even for ever!

For the sceptre of the wicked shall not remain upon the portion of the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands to iniquity.

Do good, O Lord ! to the good, to them that are upright in heart ! Peace be to Israel !

I lift up my eyes to the hills : whence cometh my help ?

My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to stumble ; thy guardian doth not slumber.

Behold, the guardian of Israel doth neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy guardian ; the Lord is thy shade at thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve thee from all evil ; he will preserve thy life.

The Lord will preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for ever.

CREATION.

XXII. The Creative Word.

PSALM 33.

M. Rejoice, O ye righteous, in the Lord ! for praise becometh the upright.

C. For the word of the Lord is right, and all His acts are faithful.

He loveth justice and equity ; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of His mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea, as a heap ; He layeth up the deep in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord ; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him !

For He spake, and it was done ; He commanded, and it stood fast.

The purposes of the Lord stand forever ; the designs of His heart, to all generations.

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord ; the people whom He hath chosen for His inheritance.

The Lord looketh down from heaven ; He beholdeth all the children of men ;

He that formed the hearts of all, and observeth all their works.

A king is not saved by the number of his forces, nor a hero by the greatness of his strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear

Him—upon them that trust in His goodness ;

To save them from the power of death, and keep them alive in famine.

The hope of our souls is in the Lord ; He is our help and our shield.

Yea, in Him doth our heart rejoice ; in His holy name we have confidence.

May Thy goodness be upon us, O Lord ! according as we trust in Thee !

XXIII. The Presence of God.

PSALM 139.

- M.* O Lord ! Thou hast searched me and known me !
C. Thou knowest my sitting-down and my rising-up ;
 Thou understandest my thoughts from afar !
 Thou seest my path and my lying-down, and art acquainted with all my ways !
 For before the word is upon my tongue, behold, O Lord ! Thou knowest it altogether !
 Thou besettest me behind and before, and layest Thy hand upon me !
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me ; it is high, I cannot attain to it !
 Whither shall I go from Thy spirit, and whither shall I flee from Thy presence ?
 If I ascend into heaven, Thou art there ! if I make my bed in the underworld, behold, Thou art there !