

'Tis my happiness below

Not to live without the cross,
But the Saviour's power to know,
Sanctifying every loss.

Trials make the promise sweet;
Trials give new life to prayer;
Trials bring me to His feet,
Lay me low, + keep me there."
W. Cowper

St. John, 16, 33.

(In this world tribulation, in
me peace.) Two promises.

Many promises in Rev. "To him that
overcometh," as Rev. 3. 21, "To him
that overcometh will I grant to sit
with me in my throne, even as I
also overcame, + am set down
with my father on His throne".

Shall we overcome, or shall we be
overcome by our circumstances &c. &c.

Mary the mother of our Saviour in the prayer beginning "My soul doth magnify the Lord." Luke 1, 46, says v. 54, "he hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy." This was four thousand yrs. after the promise ^{of God} to Adam in Genesis 3, 15, that He would put enmity between the seed of the woman & the serpent.

Paul in Titus 1, 2, speaks of himself as a "servant of God" in hope of eternal life which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." & again in Hebrews 10, 23, Paul says "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised."

Read Hebrews 6, 12-20

Ps. 89, 3, 4, 34 "My covenant will I not break."

Ps. 105. The story of God's providence over Abraham, over Joseph, over Jacob in Egypt, over Moses delivering the Israelites, over the Israelites brought out of Egypt, fed

in the wilderness & planted in Canaan v. 8, 9, 10, 11, 42, He fulfilled His promise because v. 45. The lesson for us, the promises fulfilled not for selfish pleasure but that we might keep his law. God's glory in every promise fulfilled. Paul says Eph. 3, that the Gentiles are partakers of the promises.

Promises for every condition of life in the Bible, each new need, a new promise opened to our understanding.

Promise seldom claimed "In this world ye shall have tribulation."
(Invite all to give some promise with some personal meaning).