

Bible Comfort to the Desponding

Psalms xlii, 11: Why art thou cast down, & my soul? & why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him who is the health of my countenance, & my God.

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Man is born a trouble

Yet seeks consolation in many ways long since proved insufficient

All human devices fail, because ~~the~~ sorrow & anxiety are common ~~to their makers~~ to all alike — to amusement-makers as well as amusement-seekers. They merely divert, for the time. (Story of London pantomimists)

We must do then as a child does, ~~with~~ filial instinct — seek our Heavenly Father.

That the Bible is intended to counsel & comfort the heavy-hearted, is manifest in its precise descriptions of their exercise (Proofs.)

Let us then draw from our text a Bible comfort.

See 1. What Escher said about you

2. What ^{or proper object of hope} he is for you ~~by contrast with you~~

3. What he offers to you.

Do you desire to be loved? put beyond want?

sympathized with?

crowded?

encouraged?

Hope doesn't ask present; but future good.
lifts one above present ill by contemplating f.g.