

The Psalmist cries with his soul, in
 the midst of deep trouble: Hope thou
 in God. Ah! so it is our nature to
 do. As the ~~lute~~ child seeks its com-
 fort of tears near its mother's heart;
 as the exile yearns for his country:
 so the soul longs for God. ~~We were~~
~~made with a likeness to God; the~~
 marred but living image may bear
 again its reflected glory if it can
 approach its Creator; & the eternal
 voice of conscience persuades us
~~to seek a desire~~ We are made in
 God's image.

A)
~~Psalmist says hope in God. — So sailors
in storms, wanderers in wilderness, — sick
— sailors in storm~~

Psalmist says: Hope in God.
Natural too so (as exile, child); e.g., wander-
ers in wilderness or ocean-storm, one in
sickness.

For we know & feel power of His govt.
all around us — the countless worlds — mir-
acul order in spite of forces & conflicts —
variety of creatures — freedom of action from
our noses.

But thro' all men know these ~~proofs~~
~~that there is One able to help us in~~
~~trouble, something restrains~~ (string, they
also know another string: that they
don't deserve His help.

Therefore they don't hope, & seek di-
visions.

But Psalmist bids us hope.

B/
1. Because God has spoken to us
God is not estranged from us, tho'
we from Him. We have forgotten where to
find Him, afraid to meet Him; but He
is seeking us.

~~The worst thing that could befall
us would be that He should abandon us to
ourselves (mutineers put to sea on boat
worse off than in irons on ship). How
often God threatens it!~~

But He spoke to Adam after Fall;
has given us a Book by which to find
Him
has finally sent His own Son to us

Psalmist's beg. mention of word to hope in

Reason for hope in God's word is,
that it shows that He has a compas-
sionate disposition toward us

presence. The Bible is a message that makes us feel that we have heard from our God, & He is not unmindful of us. What matter, now, how "fearfulness & trembling" are come upon us, or the terrors of death are fallen upon us (Ps. lv, 5)? "The Lord is on our side; what can man do against us?" (Cxxviii.) We must suffer now; but we shall rejoice by & by; for God doeth all things well. These are authentic narratives in our possession to assure us that this consideration has encouraged a great many of our fellow-men, in times when they were in sorrow as deep, perhaps, as any that now falls to your lot.

c/ 2. Because of the things God says to us.

(1) He explains our troubles

They are caused by sin
meant to make us hate sin

shall continue only long enough
to serve that end

(2) He promises redemption

Chief thing He says of himself
is that He means to redeem us

~~He will not only heal the pain
but the cause~~

~~The sufferings of X^c taken in
connection wth our sense of desert & His
assurances that He suffers in our place~~

X^c the Sufferer, triumphs, & assures
us we shall share both with Him

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