

Comfort to Believers in Christ's Relations

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Believers have a rich inheritance and relationships as children of God through their husband, Jesus Christ, who provides for their needs and guides them to their future glory in heaven.

Scripture: Psalm 23:1, Isaiah 41:10, Ephesians 5:25, Philippians 4:19, Revelation 19:7

Topics: "Christ Our Savior", "Divine Providence"

Description

Ralph Erskine delivers a powerful sermon on the profound love and provision of Jesus Christ as our heavenly Husband. He emphasizes how Christ is not only our relative, friend, brother, father, but ultimately our God who purchased us with His precious blood. Erskine beautifully illustrates how Christ's sacrifice and love pave the way for us, guiding, guarding, and providing for us in every aspect of our lives, ensuring that we lack nothing and are secure in His care.

Transcript

Behold the patrimony broad
That falls to thee by line;
In him thou art an heir of God,
Thy husband's Father's thine.
He is of relatives a store,
Thy friend will help in thrall;
Thy brother much, thy father more,
Thy husband most of all.
All these he does amass and share,
In ways that most excell;
'Mong all the husbands ever were,
Thy husband bears the bell.

Whence run the streams of all thy good,
But from his piercèd side?
With liquid gold of precious blood
Thy husband bought his bride.
His blood abundant value bore,
To make his purchase broad;
'Twas fair divinity in gore,
Thy husband is thy God.
Who purchas'd at the highest price,
Be crowned with highest praise;
For in the highest paradise
Thy husband wears the bays.
He is of heaven the comely rose,
His beauty makes it fair:
Heaven were but hell, couldst thou suppose
Thy husband were not there.
He thither did in pomp ascend,
His spouse along to bring:
That hallelujah's without end
Thy husband's bride may sing.
Ev'n there with him for ever fix'd
His glory shalt thou see;
And nought but death is now betwixt
Thy husband's throne and thee.
He'll order death, that porter rude,
To ope the gates of brass;
For, lo! with characters of blood

Thy husband wrote thy pass.
At Jordan deep then be not scared,
Though dismal-like and broad:
Thy sun will guide, thy shield will guard,
Thy husband paved the road.
He'll lead thee safe, and bring thee home
And still let blessings fall
Of grace while here, till glory come:
Thy husband's bound for all.
His store can answer every bill,
Thy food and raiment's bought;
Be at his will, thou'lt have thy fill,
Thy husband wants for nought.
What can thy soul conceive it lacks?
His store, his pow'r is thine;
His lib'ral heart to lib'ral acts
Thy husband does incline.
Though on thy hand, that has no might,
He should not task enlarge;
Nor work, nor warfare, needs thee fright
Thy husband bears the charge.
Thou wouldst, (if left,) thyself undo,
So apt to fall and stray.
But he uplifts, and leads thee too; Thy husband knows the way.

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