Isa 48, 17-21, For brass I will bring gold.

Here is the riches. Here dwelleth the light & the joy of the Redeemers presence. I. Christ the Mediator & then as we think this morning-22. The riches of the Redeemers Presence. It speaks of Christ-Wealth comparatively. It is given to the Christian as we learn by the natural providences of God. under the figure of the baser metals. some of them beautiful and all useful. but the Redeemer transforms them into greater wealth & never fading. It does not underestimate the Blessings flowing from the all loving fathers hand to all his creatures. But it tell how much richer the Blessings of his Presence & Love. For will not the other be a foundation, in view of the temporal Blessings of this life, Same like brass &c. Here are the Comforts of this dying body. This perhaps the greatest of all. Both on account of the sin itself and that for which it is cursed. Care food & raiment, how quick they perish & must be renewed. The body itself is but for a day. Then there are the Blessings of Society Home. and a kindred Spirit.

Blessings of Knowledge. Here the choice Blessing the man that was blind he did not know to Know &c. The joy that knowledge gives &c

Blessings of Memory. Hope. Man is so constituted to be happy in a sinless uninsured condition. It takes all the force & power of sin to at last crush him. But simply he has a connection more it at last seems, all fades &c. The Redeemer the Mighty Saviour Comes to our race bringing not only the wonderful touch all that elements of our nature are transformed. But brings his own infinite Affinity, to be in us a well of joy & peace.

A living experience of the religion of Christ. C. makes every Blessing of his providence & every element of our being, hallowed times more blessed.

The very robes we wear & food we eat give redoubled joy when we receive it with thankfulness as from the hand of God. The family becomes more sacred & precious. When there is an altar &c. The love becomes purer & stronger &c. Home becomes a sweet place when there are songs of Praise &c.

And there is a higher type of friendship. Friendships are usually formed on affinities & by association. Some like these.

It opens up to us an entirely new philosophy The Philosophy of Salvation.

For the first time in life can a man realize the depth of his sinfulness, the worth of his nature the value of his being, & the glory of his destiny when he stands beside the cross, and studies it in the light of the Infinite Love of God. traces in the blood, God's hatred of the sin that stains his soul, & in the depth of his humiliation, the height of the glory to which man is to be raised. The Knowledge of man when touched by the life giving cross. springs up into God & Eternity.

Religion touches Memory & hangs about her neck, the choicest jewels of heaven.

Memory to all men one of the choicest Blessings of God. Without it the present would be almost valueless & joyless. True it may be turned to a curse &c but to most a great joy. How dark would life be, if no past, we go back and live it all over again &c But when converted memory is laden with new beauties, adorned with new jewels. We still love the scenes of childhood &c but more the joys of Religion. &c.

Religion lays her Auroral fingers upon hope & makes it glow with the light of the Hope is one of the powerful elements of the human soul. It is that which gives the young man with strength.

But when I ask for things that lie beyond How dark, I look out on nature & see the things my soul would cling to fade away. The sunset beauties. that looks into my impassioned soul like the gates of day. fades &c. I find a flower & learn to love it &c. I lie down among the forests of the past, here is the fair creature of the ocean, dashes hardened in his coral grave &c. Here the strong wing of the once beautiful bird &c. I gather around me the friends that I love but they pass away I feel that this form begins to feel the lapse of time &c.