

"We have... in this passage a precious remedy against an old disease. That disease is trouble of heart. That remedy is faith. Heart trouble is the commonest thing in the world. No rank, or class, or condition is exempt from it. No bars, or bolts, or locks can keep it out. Partly from inward causes and partly from outward causes – partly from the body and partly from the mind – partly from what we love and partly from what we fear, the journey of life is full of trouble. Even the best of Christians have many bitter cups to drink between grace and glory. Even the holiest saints find the world a valley of tears. Faith in the Lord Jesus is the only sure medicine for troubled hearts." – J.C. Ryle

"[I]f there is nothing more precious to the Father than him (Christ), there cannot be any blessing higher than him or anything better than him. In every way, he himself must be the "very great reward" of the gospel. He is the treasure of the Father, shared with us. Sometimes we find ourselves tiring of Jesus, stupidly imagining that we have seen all there is to see and used up all the pleasure there is to be had in him. We get spiritually bored. But Jesus has satisfied the mind and heart of the infinite God for eternity. Our boredom is simply blindness. If the Father can be infinitely and eternally satisfied in him, then he

must be overwhelmingly all-sufficient for us. In every situation, for eternity." – Michael Reeves

"O Christians! do you ever imagine how sweet it will be to be with your Lord....Do you believe that, in a few more months or years, you will clasp your Saviour, and be blessed forever? Why, beloved, it is enough to make you leap for joy, and clap your hands in ecstasy! What! You troubled, you desponding? Nay, go your way, eat your bread with joy, be happy all your life long, for you know that your Redeemer live[s]." – Charles Spurgeon