

Access

*“But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”*

Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)

*“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*

Ephesians 2:13 (NIV)

The fundamental problem for humanity is that we have lost our way and sin has separated us from our Creator. We seek to stimulate our minds with blaring music or some other distraction. We fervently seek to convince ourselves that all is well yet all the time we have a sneaking suspicion that all is NOT well.

Our greatest problem is not how we shall earn enough money to support our lifestyle, it is not how to raise our children, or how to make our spouse happy. All those things should be near the top of the list BUT the most important thing is to be right with our Maker and Sustainer.

A day is coming when Christians will forever rejoice that there was a day in their lives when the blood of Christ drew them near to God. Believers in Jesus shall be full of praise to the Lord that the Holy Spirit opened their eyes to the truth in Jesus (Ephesians 1:17-18), that the Holy Spirit opened their hearts to the Gospel (Acts

16:14), and gave them the gifts of repentance and faith (Ephesians 2:8).

The privilege of drawing near to the Lord in prayer, worship, praise and thanksgiving, is the greatest honour that could ever be bestowed on anyone. Yet this treasure of access is trampled under foot by so many people. They despise and ignore the God Who made them. Indeed many of them deny His very existence.

For the child of God the Lord is their treasure, their most valued possession—indeed if the believer lacks daily bread but has the Lord, they regard themselves as blessed beyond measure. God is our portion, says the Psalmist 16:5; 119:57; 142:5.

Wounded Christian, go to the scriptures and read about this Treasure beyond cost. Meditate on the perfections of His character. Think of His awesome power. Review His faithful ways through all generations. Then your heart will be fit to sing

His praise. Then you shall have joy overflowing. Then you will cry out for the Lord to come quickly. After doing these spiritual exercises your faith will be strong enough to demand deliverance from this life and to enter the life to come.

Anne Ross Cousins (1824-1906), penned a poem of some 21 verses. The following lines speak of my thought for you today. May this be your prayer and testimony right now.

“Lord, take me o’er the water”
Had been my loud demand:
“Take me to Love’s own country,
Unto Immanuel’s land.”
I’ve wrestled on toward heaven
‘Gainst storm and wind and tide;
Now, like a weary traveler
That leaneth on his guide.
Amid the shades of evening,
While sinks life’s lingering sand,
I hail the glory dawning
From Immanuel’s land.