

Selected readings from Morning and Evening: Daily Readings, By  
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Reading 116

***“He is precious.” 1 Peter 2:7***

As all the rivers run into the sea, so all delights center in our Beloved. The glances of his eyes outshine the sun: the beauties of his face are fairer than the choicest flowers: no fragrance is like the breath of his mouth. Gems of the mine, and pearls from the sea, are worthless things when measured by his preciousness. Peter tells us that Jesus is precious, but he did not and could not tell us *how* precious, nor could any of us compute the value of God’s unspeakable gift. Words cannot set forth the preciousness of the Lord Jesus to his people, nor fully tell how essential he is to their satisfaction and happiness.

Believer, have you not found in the midst of plenty a sore famine if your Lord has been absent? The sun was shining, but Christ had hidden himself, and all the world was black to you; or it was night, and since the bright and morning star was gone, no other star could yield you so much as a ray of light. What a howling wilderness is this world without our Lord! If once he hides himself from us, withered are the flowers of our garden; our pleasant fruits decay; the birds suspend their songs, and a tempest overturns our hopes. All earth’s candles cannot make daylight if the Sun of Righteousness be eclipsed.

He is the soul of our soul, the light of our light, the life of our life. Dear reader, what would you do in the world without him, when you wake up and look forward to the day’s battle? What would you do at night, when you come home jaded and weary, if there were no door of fellowship between you and Christ? Blessed be his name, he will not let us try to do without him, for Jesus never forsakes his own. Yet, allow the thought of *what life would be without him* enhance his preciousness.