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(John MacDuff, "The Throne of Grace")

It is the work of the blessed Spirit to take of the things of Christ, and to show them to the soul; to reveal to us the precious benefits of redemption, and the riches of Divine grace--and to present them to us in such a transforming, and convincing, and penetrating form, as that they shall not only become sources of abiding comfort to the heart--but active, operating, influential principles of the life!

It is the work of the blessed Spirit to be the Comforter of the children of God. Yes . . .  
wherever a believer is afflicted;  
wherever he sheds a sorrowful tear;  
wherever he is pained by some heart-rending grief;  
wherever he is bowed beneath some oppressive burden  
--there is the Comforter to cheer, to solace, to sustain;  
pointing him . . .  
from the wound--to its balm,  
from the grief--to its ultimate cure,  
from present suffering--to eternal rest at God's right hand!

The Holy Spirit is not a traveler to sojourn for a season, but He is a Friend to abide and dwell with you--a spiritual mentor to be always near . . .  
to guide you--in all seasons of perplexity,  
to strengthen you--in all times of weakness,  
when you are discouraged--to uphold you,  
when you are wandering--to lead you back,  
when you are nearly overcome in your spiritual conflict  
--to bring you more of His divine strength and grace.