SELF-EXAMINATION IN THE SIGHT OF GOD



2. Fountain of eternal light!
naught is hidden from thy sight;
ere the tongue can make confession,
known to thee is my transgression;
better far thou know'st than I
all my heart's iniquity.

3. Holy One! thy steadfast gaze every thought of man surveys; vainly would he seek to hide it!Oh! what mortal could abide it, shouldst thou into judgment bring every secret hidden thing?

4. Placed before the searching glance of thy shining countenance, stripped of all the artifices whereby man the truth disguises, I appear in my true light, all I am is in thy sight.

5. Thou who lovest to impart comfort to the broken heart, thou with whom is plenteous pardon, rest and ease from every burden, speak the word from thy high throne, "Be thou comforted, my son!"

6. Clothe me with the wedding-dress of thy perfect righteousness, with thy spotless robe array me, that it may no more dismay me, when thine eye shall turn on me its all-searching scrutiny.

7. Give the good for which I pray, take all hurtful things away, heal and keep my soul from evil, from the world, the flesh, the devil, that it may, made clean by thee, in thy sight well-pleasing be.

8. Make me like a little child, humble, teachable, and mild; let me "Abba, Father!" crying, with a childlike trust relying on thy love, abide thy look, blameless, and without rebuke.

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