AFFLICTIONS SANCTIFIED BY THE WORD



- 2. What are the mines of shining wealth, the strength of youth, the bloom of health! What are all joys compared with those thine everlasting word bestows!
- 3. Long unafflicted, undismayed, in pleasure's path secure I stayed; thou madest me feel thy chastening rod, and straight I turned unto my God.
- 4. What though it pierced my fainting heart, I bless thine hand that caused the smart; it taught my tears awhile to flow, but saved me from eternal woe.
- 5. Oh! hadst thou left me unchastised, thy precept I had still despised; and still the snare in secret laid, had my unwary feet betrayed.
- 6. I love thee, therefore, O my God, and breathe towards thy dear abode; where, in thy presence fully blessed, thy chosen saints for ever rest.

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