

Where is the blessedness?

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Today my mind feels somewhat nostalgic and ashamed. I am feeling nostalgic from looking back at all the spiritual moments in my life and the zeal that I had for my God and his cause. I feel ashamed because that zeal often feels to have left. When I look back at the zeal I possessed in years past I find myself nearly saddened at the apathy that can so easily creep into my heart. The words of hymn writer William Cowper define a prayer that my heart screams.

O For a Closer Walk With God
by William Cowper

1. O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!
2. Where is the blessedness I knew,
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul refreshing view
Of Jesus and His word?
3. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left and aching void
The world can never fill.
4. Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
And drove Thee from my breast.
5. The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee.
6. So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

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