



# Spurgeon's Notes

**4:8**—They overvalue this life who consider it to be a better thing than divine love, for the love of God is better than life—his loving-kindness is better than life itself. Some would give anything for their lives, but they would give nothing for God's love. If their lives were in danger, they would hasten to the physician; but though they do not enjoy the love of God, they yet sit at ease and seek not the priceless benefit. They who feel rightly think it a cheap thing to live apart from God. They recognize that life would be but death unless God were with us and that death itself is but the vestibule of life while God is our joy and our strength.

**4:13**—Read and depend on the Spirit of God. How often do we open the sacred book and read a chapter through—perhaps at family prayer or perhaps in our own private devotion—and, having read from the first verse to the last, we shut up the book thinking we have done something right and proper and in a vague way somehow profitable to us? Right and proper as the thing is, we may really have gained nothing thereby. We may, in fact, have only drilled ourselves in the merely external part of religion and may not have enjoyed anything spiritual or anything that can be beneficial to our souls if we have forgotten the divine spirit through whom the world has come to us.