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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1869 edition. Excerpt: ...than this, that he desires to humble himself before Thee, being ever mindful of his own iniquity and vileness? For there is none like unto Thee, O God there is none that can do the miracles which Thou doest. Thy works are very good, Thy judgments are true, and all things are governed by Thy providence. Praise therefore and glory be unto Thee, O wisdom of the Father: let my mouth, my soul, and all created things, bless and praise Thee, O Lord! CHAP. XXII. ON BEARING IN MIND THE MANIFOLD MERCIES OF GOD. 1. Open my heart, O Lord, to Thy Law, and teach me to walk in Thy commandments. Grant me to understand Thy will, and with all reverence and diligent study to remember all Thy mercies, that so I may be able worthily to give Thee thanks. I know indeed and confess that I am not able to render to Thee the due tribute of praise for the least of all Thy benefits. I am less than the least of all Thy mercies and when I think of Thy bounty, my spirit faints from a sense of its surpassing greatness. 2. All things which belong either to our souls or bodies, all things without us and within us, all things natural or supernatural, are Thy gift, and declare Thy mercy and loving-kindness from whom all good things do come. One man receives more, and another less, yet all is from Thee, and without Thee the least blessing is impossible. He who has received more cannot glory in his own merits, nor boast himself over others, nor look down upon him who has received less for indeed he is the greater and better man who ascribes least to himself, and who is the most humble and devout in giving thanks and he who thinks himself viler than all, and accounts himself more unworthy than his brethren, is the fitter to receive greater blessings from God. 3. On the...

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