***Selah – Christian Food for Thought***

**“The Family”**

The Valley of Vision

O SOVEREIGN LORD,

Thou art the creator-Father of all men, for thou hast made and dost support them;

Thou art the special Father of those who know, love and honor thee,

who find thy yoke easy, and thy burden light,

thy work honorable,

thy commandments glorious.

But how little thy undeserved goodness has affected me!

how imperfectly have I improved my religious privileges!

how negligent have I been in doing good to others!

I am before thee in my trespasses and sins,

have mercy on me,

and may thy goodness bring me to repentance.

Help me to hate and forsake every false way,

to be attentive to my condition and character,

to bridle my tongue,

to keep my heart with all diligence,

to watch and pray against temptation,

to mortify sin,

to be concerned for the salvation of others.

O God, I cannot endure to see the destruction of my kindred.

Let those that are united to me in tender ties

be precious in thy sight and devoted to thy glory.

Sanctify and prosper my domestic devotion,

instruction, discipline, example,

that my house may be a nursery for heaven,

for thy glory;

Let not those of my family who are amiable, moral, attractive,

fall short of heaven at last;

Grant that the promising appearances of a tender conscience,

soft heart the alarms and delights of thy Word,

be not finally blotted out,

but bring forth judgement unto victory in all whom I love.