

4. Is he a tree? The world receives Salvation from his healing leaves; That righteous branch, that fruitful bough, Is David's root and offspring too.

5. Is he a rose? Not Sharon yields Such fragrancy in all her fields: Or if the lily he assume, The valleys bless the rich perfume.

6. Is he a vine? His heav'nly root Supplies the boughs with life and fruit O let a lasting union join My soul the branch to Christ the vine!

7. Is he the head? Each member lives, And owns the vital powers he gives; The saints below and saints above Joined by his Spirit and his love. 8. Is he a fountain? There I bathe, And heal the plague of sin and death These waters all my soul renew, And cleanse my spotted gaments too.

9. Is he a fire? He'll purge my dross; But the true gold sustains no loss: Like a refiner shall he sit, And tread the refuse with his feet.

10. Is he a rock? How firm he proves!The Rock of ages never moves;Yet the sweet streams that from him flowAttend us all the desert through.

11. Is he a way? He leads to God, The path is drawn in lines of blood; There would I walk with hope and zeal, Till I arrive at Zion's hill. 12. Is he a door? I'll enter in Behold the pastures large and green, A paradise divinely fair; None but the sheep have freedom there.

13. Is he designed the corner-stone, For men to build their heav'n upon?I'll make him my foundation too, Nor fear the plots of hell below.

14. Is he a temple? I adore Th' indwelling majesty and power And still to this most holy place, Whene'er I pray, I turn my face.

15. Is he a star? He breaks the night Piercing the shades with dawning light;I know his glories from afar,I know the bright, the morning star. 16. Is he a sun? His beams are grace, His course is joy and righteousness; Nations rejoice when he appears To chase their clouds and dry their tears.

17. O let me climb those higher skies, Where storms and darkness never rise! There he displays his power abroad, And shines and reigns th' incarnate God.

 Nor earth, nor seas, nor sun, nor stars, Nor heav'n, his full resemblance bears; His beauties we can never trace, Till we behold him face to face.