

' OUR JOY IN HEAVEN.

LUKE ix. 28.-36.

Let us look a little at this scripture, as shewing what our joy in the glory will consist of. We have the warrant of 2 Peter i. 16, for saying that the scene represents to us the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And this is what we wait for. Our souls are not in a healthy state unless we are waiting for God's Son from heaven. The Church is not regulated in its hopes by the word and Spirit of God, unless it is looking for Him as Saviour from heaven. (Phil. iii.) And this passage as *disclosing to us specially what will be our portion when He comes*, is important to us in this respect. There are many other things in the passage, such as the mutual relations of the earthly and the heavenly people in the kingdom. These it may be very instructive to consider; but it is not our present purpose, which is to consider what light is here afforded on *the nature of the joy* which we shall inherit at and from the coming of the Lord. Other scriptures give instructions on the same subject, but let us now particularly look at the scene on the holy mount.

"And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, He took Peter and James and John and went up into a mountain to pray. And as He prayed the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment was white and glistering." It was when Jesus was in the acknowledgment of depend-