

well this deduction. Is not the inference a correct one? Does it not follow directly from our Lord's reply to James and John? If so, it is surely an important inquiry, who they are for whom these things have been prepared. Is there any place in Scripture that can give us a clue to a question so momentous? Yes, my brethren, Scripture does furnish us with a clue to our inquiry. Scripture does plainly declare who they are for whom heavenly happiness and honour have been prepared. Connect this place of Scripture with that other place in this same Gospel, where our Lord has given an account of the day of Judgment. Compare his words, and see if you cannot find the answer you require: "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory, and before him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate ~~them one from another~~, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats; and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom PREPARED for you from the foundation of the world: for *I* was an hungered, and ye gave me meat," &c. Compare, my brethren, this place with our text: weigh both together, and you have your enquiry fully answered. Heaven has been prepared for the faithful servants of Christ, and for no other;—for those whose faith in Him has worked by love, the fruit of which has been in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. It is true our Lord has confined his judgment to one class of actions; but observe the principle of the procedure, as he has disclosed it, and you will perceive that on it all depends. To one he speaks