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## PRAISE YE THE LORD.

*Praise ye the Lord!*

Not where the voice of a preacher instructs  
you,  
Not where the hand of a mortal conducts  
you,  
But where the bright welkin in Scripture of  
glory  
Blazons creation's miraculous story,  
*Praise ye the Lord!*

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Not in the square-hewn, many-tiered pile,  
Not in the long-drawn dim shadowed aisle,  
But where the bright world, with age never  
hoary,  
Flashes His brightness and thunders His  
glory,

*Praise ye the Lord!*

—JOHN STUART BLACKIE.

## SERMON.

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"I am the light of the world." This expression of Jesus Christ was not understood by those around him. They did not see how he could be the light of the world; neither is it understood at the present day. My mind is impressed with the thought that there is need of a better understanding of what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the light of the world," of how he should come to be our light. "If any man shall follow me he shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." Where we become confused is how he could be their light after he had left their outward presence. Unless we take the spiritual construction we cannot understand what he meant by those words. He would not be permitted to remain with them always. The time came when it was expedient for them that he should go away, for he

says, "If I go not away the comforter will not come but if I depart I will send him unto you." We are all looking for this comforter, all desiring this light, to direct us, as we cannot walk in a straight forward and right way in this present life without it.

As I queried why I should have called you together this afternoon, and you were willing to respond, I felt that it was because we were seekers, and want to learn the truth, to get more of this light, to know more of this way of life.

I do not understand that when Jesus passed away and the Gospel writers laid down the pen that revelation ceased. Indeed, I sometimes think that it had just fairly commenced. God spake to the Prophets, and all the faithful ones, before the time of Jesus, and why should he not speak now? Why should he forsake his children at this time, and only leave the Scriptures of truth, written by inspired men, by the light given to them. Do they not testify in them that the word was made flesh and dwelt among men. This was that "True light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world," and dwelt in Jesus Christ in its fullness.

God gave every opportunity for man's salvation, but man transgressed. He was placed in the Garden of Eden to dress it and to use the fruits, except of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God reserved, as I understand it, the power to tell man what is right and what is wrong for him to do. We transgress as Adam did, not because he did. We do it of our own free will. None of us need blame God, for we are not tempted of Him, but are led away of our own lust which bringeth forth sin. We are placed in no less favorable position than was Adam.