

members of the same church, soldiers in the same 'sacramental host,' who have on earth mingled their prayers in the same aspiration, and laid their sacrifices on the same altar, will as they arrive one after another, wait at the pearly gates, and welcome each other in, as "the blessed of the Lord." What a meeting will that be, when each of us, having come up out of great tribulation, and 'washed our robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb,' we shall bow with the multitudes of the redeemed before the throne, see the Saviour as he is, and love him as we ought! How delightful then, to look back on all the way the Lord has led us, "to recount the labours of our feet;" to stand surprised at the temptations we have escaped, to read the interpretation of dispensations that once frowned cheerless and mysterious upon us; to view the strength of the law, as annihilated; and 'the bitterness of death' as past; to look forward to the increasing glories of Messiah's reign, and adore and rejoice forever, that we have been built up, component parts of that eternal temple, which is even now rising the admiration of other worlds, without the sound of "hammer, or axe, or any tool of iron."

With the thoughts of that meeting which will take place before many years, with the bright prospects of that world which will soon stand disclosed to as many of us, as are the followers of the Lamb, let us animate ourselves in the toilsome strife against sin. Let us weave a song of rejoicing in the house of our pilgrimage and the land of our exile. Meanwhile, dear brethren, if ye have esteemed me faithful in the Lord—if there be any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, if I have ever administered a cup of cold water to the thirsting soul of a disciple, let me not perish from your remembrance, let me not be forgotten in your prayers; that I may "glorify God in the fire," and if it be his will that I come out of it, I may be a purified son of Levi, and be again promoted to be a hewer of wood