

set before him. What was that joy which thus overshadowed with its brightness the horrors of Gethsemane, the tortures of Calvary, and the darkness of Joseph's tomb? Its chief ingredient was, doubtless, the Father's full and unqualified approbation of his entire work on earth. This was felt during the whole period of his life, though sometimes more manifestly, as at his baptism of inauguration on the Mount of Transfiguration and on his way to the cross. And if, in the garden and on the cross he felt the hidings of his Father's face, it was not under the impression that his Father no longer approved his work that he exclaimed, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" for never did that Father approve more fully that Son's work than when he bore the mighty load of divine wrath. This approbation of the Father, however, was declared most gloriously by the resurrection from the dead and ascension to glory. Then was Jesus declared to be the Son of God with power. So with every faithful servant of this exalted Lord, for saith he, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me on my throne, even as I overcame and am set down with my Father on his throne." This home shall all have who faithfully serve him. As they enter the world of Spirits they will receive this welcome, "Come ye blessed of my Father." Another reward Jesus coveted and received for his work on earth was the saved souls that were born under his ministry. We read of 500 brethren meeting here at one time on a mountain in Galilee. These must have been the fruit of his missionary life, and among the thousands converted, after the Pentecostal descent of his Spirit, how many must have heard and remembered his discourses and witnessed his wondrous works. They were too the fruit of that prayer on the cross, "Father, forgive them." In a similar manner the zealous and faithful missionary now will reap a spiritual harvest. Yes, dear brother, if you but give yourself to your work with zeal and fidelity, you will not only save your own soul, but those who hear you. How animating these words of the apostle James, "He that converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins." One soul saved would be an ample reward for the most protracted human ministry, but when we think of that unit

becoming ten, and tens becoming hundreds, how transcendent the reward!—In heathen lands, when the grace of God takes effect, these animating rewards rapidly multiply. Among the more docile of the heathen tribes the missionary may, even in a brief life, as in Aneiteum, reap a rich spiritual harvest. In the field to which you are now destined greater success has been achieved, by limited means, than in any portion of heathen territory in modern times. How animating is it to the recent immigrant, in the newly settled Province or Colony, to find the virgin soil before it is well cleared yielding an ample return for his toil. In this respect your prospects are more enticing than those of your brethren in the ministry you leave behind. They are called to cultivate the ground which is often, as the beaten highway, all the more sterile because so often trodden. But with all your joys in witnessing the fruits of your ministry, let your chief joy ever be that which awaits the faithful missionary in heaven. In the darkest period you may then say, "Though Israel be not gathered yet will I be glorious in his sight;" and, if you make Christ the pattern of your missionary labors, his voice will at last be heard of you uttering the glad welcome, "Well done good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." In the meantime, at once for your encouragement and admonition, let me in his name repeat his salutation and commission to you—Peace be unto you: as the Father sent me so send I you, and may he now breathe upon you and say, receive ye the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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