

their security? This that is given for nothing, may it not be revoked? Nay, it is *firm* as free. They come to it as *children*—the adopted of the Supreme—their Father's *heirs*! They come to it as *one in Christ*, joint-heirs with Him, His the purchase—their claim indefeasible as His! Therefore their heritage will be *full* as free. It is impossible to conceive of a blessing which shall not be their perpetual possession, seeing they are Heirs of GOD! Ah! "what hath God prepared for them that Love Him?"

For notice next, "*Prepared* for you from the foundation of the world." "*Prepared*" in the eternal purpose. "God hath chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world." The love that provided it had no *beginning*. And it is without *bound*. Actually to "*prepare*" bliss for the fallen—what was necessary? Why, the Son must become man, and dwell below, and die, and rise, and return! What a place Heaven must be, so "*prepared*!" infinite love lavished on it, unknown agony, too, with the wisdom and the wealth of God! And when the children reach it, lo! no strange scene! it has been made suitable for them, and they, by God's Spirit, ready for it! they look around with delight; they breathe freely, every faculty is charmed; they sing aloud, "*This truly is our Rest; Here we do feel at Home!*" Oh gracious Father! Oh loving Saviour!

"Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crowns become the Saviour's brow!"

Is not the most winning word the first, "*Come?*" not *Go, Pass* to your inheritance; but *Come!* Were He to be parted from them, of what worth diadems and dominions? *There* are the brightest and best of creatures:—Angels who never fell; patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs—the good and great of all times; many around whom were our sympathies, choice friends! But *Jesus* is the chiefest among ten thousand. His people cannot be content in His absence; neither without them should He be satisfied! So He says "*Come!*" "*Done with all tribulation, end your wanderings, and come near!* never to be sundered more! never to sin again! or sorrow! never to lose the light of my countenance, through the ages of ages! come to see, come to share, my glory! I will feed you, and lead you to living fountains of water! come in with me to the marriage! come sup with me! come sit with me! come sing with me! whose I am, you shall be! reigning together." "*So shall we ever be with the Lord.*" Amen.

All men will not be welcomed thus. It is my duty to go on to speak of the punishment and the prison, to which many will bring themselves, instead of the prize and the Paradise Jesus would fain confer.

See the awful reverse! "*Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*"

When shall this be said?

At the same grand crisis and consummation: Immediately after the acquittal of the righteous. When these, who were often misunderstood and reviled below, have been approved, and applauded, and instated as assessors with Emmanuel, *then* shall He proceed to the trial of His enemies, who are to be crushed by a doom concurred in by the best of their fellow-men!

Who is to speak? "He also." *That same Jesus!*

Methodists, if there is one ingredient in the cup of trembling then to be put in the hands of sinners which, above all others, will render it a cup of unutterable woe, it is the thought of being condemned by a Judge so full of sympathy! of confronting the meek man of Bethlehem and Bethany, the sufferer of Calvary! and being by Him driven into darkness! Fearful must be the guilt which He calls irremediable; and wicked indeed they whom He consigns to perdition!