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**"WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM."**

O joy, joy! We, fainting, sorrowful pilgrims, bowed down with sin and infirmity—we shall be like **CHRIST**! Clothed like Him in a spiritual body, freed like Him from sin, triumphant like Him over death, we shall see Him as He is and rejoice in His presence forever.

The promise given in these words implies that we are not now, not yet, like **CHRIST**. The perfection of attainment in this respect is reserved till the last great **DAY** when He shall appear to take vengeance on all who obey not the Gospel, and to be glorified in them that believe. No one need hope for the realization of this promise in his own experience unless he become a follower of Christ. To be like Him in glory you must be like Him in obedience and in love: you must be clothed in His righteousness and tread in His footsteps.

1. You must be like Christ in devotion to God. His meat and drink was to do His Father's will. God gave Him a work to do and He was straitened till He could cry, It is finished. He ever clung close to the Father. The temptations of Satan, the weaknesses of the flesh, the tyranny and persecution of men only made Him cleave with stronger faith and love to the Eternal Father.—To Him He turned in the hour of holy triumph and in the hour of deep distress. In this we should evermore copy His example.

2. Christ had set seasons for prayer. We may be sure that His mind was constantly in sweet accord with the will and law of God and that His aspirations were ever to-

wards God; and therefore if any one ever should and could live without set seasons and uttered words and prostrate attitudes of prayer, that one was Jesus. But Jesus prayed till His locks were wet with the dews of night. The lonely midnight hours heard His strong crying, and His tears glittered in the moon beams. He prayed beside the sick-bed, beside the silent grave, in the heart of the desolate wilderness, alone on the lonely mountain, on the bosom of the turbulent lake, and while dying on the shameful Tree. Christian, pray as thy Master prayed.

3. Self-denial was a wonderful trait of the character of Jesus. He saved others; Himself He did not save. He prayed for others; seldom indeed did He pray for Himself.—When hungry and athirst He performed no miracle to satisfy His bodily wants. When sorely beset by cruel foes He asked not for twelve legions of angels to smite them. His will was ever in humblest subordination to the will of the Father. He cheerfully bore with pain and shame and contumely that He might do good to those who hated Him.—Every day of all His sorrowful years He went forth bearing His cross—for us. Even "Christ pleased not Himself." He did all, suffered all, for others. To Him the glory of God, and the salvation of men, was all in all. Christian, hear the voice of Jesus saying, "If any man come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

4. We must imitate the humility of Christ. He was King of kings and Lord of lords; yet He humbled Himself to the dust of death. He took upon Himself the form of