

THE LAST GREAT PRAYER-MEETING.

The account of it may be found in the sixth chapter of Revelation: "And they said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." This is the prayer that will be offered.

There will be a *great multitude* at that prayer-meeting. Many prayer-meetings are very thin—few are present. Not so this one. All that have ever treated the Lamb of God unworthily, and persisted in it, will be present. Millions have done this. Millions more will probably do it. They will all be at the meeting.

Distinguished persons will be present. Those who live upon the high places of the earth usually have little to do with prayer-meeting. They are above such things. They leave such meetings for the poor, the unlearned, the low in life. But they will come to this meeting. We have express mention of this: "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the mighty men, said 'Fall on us.'" They may never have been in a meeting where there was prayer before, but they cannot stay away from this.

There will be great *emotion* in that meeting. It will not be dull, and drowsy, and formal. There will be feeling—the deepest feeling. Men must have some terrible emotions, when they are led to cry to the rocks and mountains to fall on them. How dreadful must be the sight of Him that sitteth on the throne, when their fear inspires such a prayer as this! There will be no difference in that meeting.

They will *all* pray. Some prayer-meetings have but two or three, a few at most, that take any part in them. The mass often take little or no part in the meeting. Not so of this meeting. The record runs, that not only the great men above mentioned shall pray, but "*every* bondman, and *every* freeman." And then the nature of the object before them, viz., God on his throne of judgment, and the Lamb in his wrath, decides that all will pray. The whole assembly, feeling the same terrible emotions of dread, will be constrained to offer the same prayer.

And what a prayer! It is not addressed to God, or the Lamb. They never received any spiritual homage from the multitude present at this meeting. They so ill-treated the blessed God, and carried it to such desperate length, that they now despair, as they well may, of any mercy. Hence the dreadful prayer before us. They would go anywhere, or suffer anything, to escape or hide from God. "Hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne." They begged to be crushed beneath the mountains, rather than meet the frowning face of God. They chose that the rocks should fall on them, and grind them to powder, rather than encounter the wrath of the Lamb. To what desperate misery must men be driven, when they can offer so dreadful an imprecation upon themselves! The attendants upon this meeting are all from this world. "The kings of the *earth*," etc. We have divine assurance that all who persist in treating Christ unworthily, are on their way to this meeting. The multitudes who are now doing this, think little of this matter, yet every day spent in sin is hastening them toward it. Most of them have little to do with prayer-meetings in this world, and none of them have