

strain of voices and harps, that cease not day nor night ; or, again, that it will be so etherealized that every sort of present feeling will be excluded. But Christ is there with His human nature, and every ransomed one will bear, too, His human nature—made like unto the divine. And the gladness and joy of that sinless world will be such as Christ sought everywhere to shed around Him on earth. And if God has adopted us into His family, and intends to call us a family, we may be sure the happiness will be such as children can enjoy.

2.—We see that the rewards of heaven will not consist in what we shall *receive*, but what we *shall be*. Heaven is not for the selfish, who will only work for a prize, but for those who seek purity because they love it for its own sake.

Here is a test which tries every one of us. Will you seek God for what *He is*, or must it be for something which He will *give* ?

3.—How does this knowledge bear on life ? You have the two ends of the journey fixed. You begin as a son of God : You end in complete likeness to Him. Now, as the ploughman sets up his stakes, or the builder stretches his line, so should our aim be determined. Where is the line of your life to run—in the place of respectable