

I do not wonder that the disciples were pleased. At last it seemed as if these men, all bright and glorious, were going back to heaven. Then Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here: let us make three tents; one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Peter wanted to have these heavenly men always with him, but they could not stay down here. Peter did not know what he said, for he was very much afraid. While he was speaking, a bright cloud came over them. What could this cloud be? The disciples were frightened when they saw it round them. Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased; hear ye him." Whose voice was that? It was the voice of God the Father. The disciples were afraid when they heard it, and they fell upon their faces. They could not look at the brightness of that cloud, for God was there; but the great God did not punish them for their sins, nor say he would send them to hell. No; he only commanded them to hear his beloved Son. He sent his Son into the world to save us, and if we believe in Jesus we shall be saved.

I do not know how long the disciples remained with their faces on the ground, but they did not dare to look up, till they felt some one touch them, and heard a gentle voice say, "Arise, and be not afraid." Whose touch was that? Whose gentle voice? When the disciples looked up they saw Jesus; the bright cloud shone there no longer. The disciples looked round about, but they could not see the two heavenly men; there was no one but Jesus. They were not afraid to be alone with him, for they knew him well, and loved him too. They walked down the mountain with him.

Could they ever forget the glorious sight they had seen at the top? They could not but Jesus said to them as they walked, "Tell no man what you have seen, till the Son of man be risen

again from the dead." Jesus called himself the Son of man. The disciples did not know he would soon be buried in a grave, and that he would rise again in three days. But they minded what Jesus said, and told no one about the brightness on the mountain, till after Jesus had been crucified and had come to life again. They told people all that you have now heard. Is it not a very wonderful history?

Jesus is now shining as bright in heaven, as he shone on that mountain. When you see him coming in the clouds, he will look very glorious. Good men who lived a long while ago will come with him. Abel, who was killed by his wicked brother; Noah, who was saved when the world was drowned; Moses who was hidden in a basket when he was a babe; David, who sang sweet psalms and played upon his harp; Elijah, who was fed by ravens; Daniel who was not eaten by the lions in the den—all of them will be there; and if you love Jesus, you shall stay with him for ever, and you shall be with those holy men, and with the holy angels. Oh, how happy you will be! But those who do not love the Lord, will be shut up with the devil in a dark place for ever.

You may read the history of Christ on the mountain in Matt. 17: 1-9; Mark 9: 2-10; Luke 9: 28-36.

Lo, He comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favor'd sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumphs of his train:
Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air:
Hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

The Prayerless Mother.

I met a few days since a dear little girl of twelve years, who hoped she had recently given her heart to the Saviour.

In talking with her I urged her to be very prayerful, and not fail to secure time for secret prayer, and