

world's existence, when the nations as the sand of the sea shall be gathered by Satan to fight against the beloved city (Rev. xx. 7-10).

Moreover, the many unions in this world not only declare the attempts of man to meet his own needs without reference to God, but also his total ignorance of Him. The Lord said to the reasoners of His day, "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." And vainly may we look throughout this world for that confidence in God which can leave matters of vital importance to us quietly in His hands and await his action. Profession, pious phrases, religious expressions, and the like, there may be in abundance ; but faith, which, when *all* is at stake, can wait upon God, there is not. Man, like Saul, unable to await the coming of God's prophet, will quickly betray that his confidence is in man, and turn back to resources that are apparently at hand. The reason is simple—the aid of man is a tangible object to him ; but God is unknown, and, therefore, *cannot* be trusted.

Let us turn for a little from the scene of dark dishonour to God's name which this world presents by its ignorance and independence of Him, and consider Jesus, the object of His delight.

He was the author and finisher of faith. In Him we see the path of faith initiated, as it was also completed ; while from the word we know that Jesus sits crowned with glory and honour in the heavens, and we see in Him the sure and blessed re-