

For the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross. (Heb. 12:2.) What is His joy? It is "the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." (Eph. 1:18.) He who made the soul, who suffered for it, who fought with Satan for the precious prize, knows its exceeding value and its price (1 Cor. 6:20), the precious blood of Christ. (1 Peter 1:19.) What does it mean to Him when any one soul turns heavenward? When those come from far, and those from the north, and from the west, and those from the land of Sinim, (Isa. 49:12), "flying as doves to their windows?" What the souls under the altar slain for the Word of God (Rev. 6:9) waiting, white-robed, for their brethren who should be killed as they were? What "the innumerable company of martyrs" that "counted not their lives dear unto them?" What these martyr souls now suffering living deaths, or rising swiftly out from great tribulation in Turkey and Syria to the white robes and the palms and the new song? (Rev. 7:9-17.) These enriched for endless ages by their present sorrow, are a part of his priceless inheritance. Does it not pay Him to hear the one hundred and forty and four thousand harping with their harps, and the "great multitude which no man can number, out of every nation and of all tribes and people and tongues, crying with a great voice as the voice of many waters, Salvation unto our God which sitteth on the throne and before the Lamb?" What does it not mean to Him to greet the Bride, the Lamb's wife, to see "all the nations of them that are saved walking in the light of it"—of that wondrous city of which "the Lamb is the light?" (Rev. 21:1.)

He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied. (Isa. 53:11.) What a stupendous thing for the Lord of glory to be *satisfied*! All his grand ideals realized; all his great, suffering heart comforted; and all the soul-agony compensated; our Lord *satisfied*!

And can I, too, "be satisfied, when I awake with Thy likeness?" (Ps. 17:15.) Can I, by bearing Thine image here (Rom. 8:29)—Thy toiling, missionary image—be changed into that same image from glory to glory. (2 Cor. 3:18.) The glory given Thee wilt Thou indeed give to me? (John 17:22.) Only by *suffering* with him can we reign with him. (2 Tim. 2:12.)

Those who are now knowing the likeness of his death will know the likeness of his resurrection. (Rom. 6:5.) It is immensely worth our while to share with him the mighty travail for souls, if by any possibility we might share his recompense, the being satisfied, in our small measure, as He is satisfied, with redeemed souls for our hire. Only by entering into his sorrow can we enter into the joy of our Lord, that same joy that was set before Him.