

is going to build up in this vast Dominion ; the vision of the part the boys and girls in our Sabbath Schools are yet to play in the land that is theirs ; the vision of opportunity knocking at the door of every church and Sabbath School and home, seeking the privilege of claiming every man, and woman, every boy and girl, for God and Canada.

To dwell on these things is to confess, with that sweet singer of old, "While I mused, the fire burned." Let us lift up our eyes, that we may gain the "larger vision" and so be delivered from despair and made faithful.

"Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For His own pattern given ;
While the long cloud of witnesses,
Show the same path to heaven."
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"We Would See Jesus"

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How refreshing is the request made by those Greeks who were "among them that came up to worship at the feast !" At a time when His own were turning from Him, and the clouds of hatred and suspicion were lowering thick and dark, there were those who came making a simple, refreshingly sincere request to "see Jesus."

And if we are to make progress in Christian living to-day, we must be dominated by the spirit which finds expression in the words of the request of those Greeks. It is the soul that sees Jesus with the most sympathetic and unclouded vision, that grows into the most perfect likeness to Him. By beholding the glory of God we become "transformed into the same image from glory to glory." The desire to see Him is the fundamental principle in growth in Christlikeness.

The carnal eye cannot see Him ; but He is discerned with the spiritual eye. He reveals Himself to all who seek ; and what joy the revelation affords ! As we gaze upon Him in His purity, power and incomprehensible love, our vision becomes enraptured ; other sights and sounds pale into insignificance, and we see Him as "the brightness of the Father's glory, the express image of His Person."

If we thus catch the vision of the "glory that excelleteth", and live in the consciousness of His presence, we know something of that "peace that floweth as a river, making earth's desert places bloom and smile." For if we seek Jesus and hear His voice, He will speak peace to the warring passions of our lives ; and immediately there will be "a great calm."

Nor is this a mere mystical dream. It is one of the most blessed realities. It is something that gives us sane, victorious, radiant lives, filled with the sunshine of His presence. And having this experience, there will be melody in our hearts, and we shall be able to sing with the fullest meaning such words as, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds", and

"Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast ;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest."

If we have a really sincere desire to see Him, opportunities in increasing numbers will be open to us. As we read the sacred page, His personality and presence will become increasingly clear to us. As we hear His words expounded, we shall be aided in our vision by hearing what the sympathetic eye of Another sees. In the quiet moments of our lives, also, when we commune in spirit with Him, His presence will become ever nearer and dearer to us, and at times we shall hear the accents of a "still small voice." And as we gaze upon the starry firmament or feel "the solemn hush of nature" when the "purple morning breaketh", there will dawn upon us the sweet consciousness that we are with Him.

Let us not miss these opportunities of seeing Him, and consequently miss that "savor of life" which is our most blessed possession in this our earthly pilgrimage. If we miss this, we shall experience much weariness, fever, fret, and afterwards regret. Think how those Greeks would never have forgiven themselves, if they had gone to their homes that day without seeing Jesus ! Let us not miss our opportunities of seeing Him here and now, and great will be our joy, when we shall see Him face to face and be with Him for evermore.