

*right hand in heavenly places, far above all rule, and authority, and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet.*

The power that thus exalted the Son of God is the same that is behind the mighty work of our salvation. Indeed, the exaltation of Christ is but one feature of the work of salvation. It was for this that He died and rose again. It is "the power of God to us-ward." Let us therefore come near, and look at this mighty putting forth of divine energy.

In Joseph's tomb lay the dead body of a man. He had been known in life as the son of a carpenter. He had been executed as a criminal, and buried after the custom of the Jews. Men said it was the end of a wild career, the entire failure of all His claims as a religious leader. His followers had scattered to their homes, and none expected they would ever rally again. The quiet Sabbath was observed while He lay in the tomb.

But no sooner was it over than God began His mighty work. He came, and regardless of the guards, and the seal of Rome, He opened the tomb and took the body and put back into it the life that had been sacrificed, and showed Him alive by many infallible proofs and to competent witnesses during forty days ; then in the sight of a company of men, took Him from earth to heaven. They saw Him rise, as if drawn by some higher attraction, to His own natural sphere, until he passed the bound of human vision, into the heavenly places. As He enters the world of spirits, they gather to receive Him with royal honors. But He pauses not in His course. Passing