

lies to the land of rest and peace, where there is "no more death"—nothing to hurt or destroy. Their arduous service in the Church militant gives place to the holy rest in the Church triumphant. "Planted together with Christ in the likeness of his death, they shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." And, adopting the words of the Psalmist, they can lift their triumphant song as the night of death settles down upon them—"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Have there not been multitudes of tried and suffering Christians who could thus "sing of mercy and of judgment," as they passed through great tribulation and were conquerors still—yea, "more than conquerors, through Him that loved them!" Even martyrs, whose lot it has been to lift their testimony for Christ amid the perils and pangs of persecution, have, among other blessed words of consolation and good hope, had this great truth in the text to comfort them; and even though their trials culminated in tortures at the stake, yet, these over, all their troubles were forever at an end! The last enemy having expended its last effort against them, no enemy remains