

Then Angels, looking on us, will rejoice when they see us doing the will of our God. The Eternal Father will behold us to bless us. The Son Eternal will rejoice over us to do us good. Whilst the Holy Ghost, who with the Father and the Son reigneth eternally, will surely keep and sustain us, making all our ways to prosper. And at the last, when sorrow and sighing shall flee away, and we stand among the saints, what joy it will be to meet those whose love we have gained on earth by faithful ministrations—those who, perhaps, under God, owed their salvation to our care and zeal. Then shall our crowns shine the brighter, and our glory redound the more to the praise of God and our felicity. How sweet, too, will be that reward which we shall enjoy with the Angels, who have been our fellow companions in trial on earth. If Angels rejoiced when they beheld Almighty God creating man from the dust, how much more will they rejoice when they see man perfectly re-created in Christ Jesus!

And if with desire and love they have watched over the mysterious working of redemption, and seen in it the manifold wisdom of God, with what reverence will they behold man raised to sit on the throne before which they bow! For there can be no doubt but that we shall occupy higher grades of glory than they who now are our companions in labour, and our ministering servants. For God the Son took *our* nature, and not *that* of Angels; and whilst it is affirmed that *we are all "partakers of the Divine nature,"* such sublime doctrine is never once breathed respecting Angels.