

were strangers and foreigners upon earth. They thus became the example, for character, of those who know God here below, and who prefer to suffer rather than to deny their faith. They thought of the city God has prepared for them ; for He is not ashamed of them, nor to be called their God. The scripture is verified as to them : " For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come " (Heb. xi, 16 ; xiii, 14). How often we forget these truths, but God is good to remind us of them, and to repeat them for us : " Arise ye, and depart ; for this is not your rest : because it is polluted " (Micah ii, 10).

Yes, soon we shall have reached this heavenly city where we shall no longer need the armour to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph. vi, 11). Instead of combats and suffering, there will be eternal rest ; unspeakable joy.

The course will be ended ; old things will have passed away, all things will be new. We shall not be strangers in the house of our God, where our eternal dwelling will be. There will be no more death. Instead of heart-rending separations as these down here, we shall have perfect union ; complete accord ; the never ending presence of all in light. Praise will be the occupation of all hearts. Above all will be the inexpressible joy of being forever with the Lord in His Father's house, who is known now also as being our Father because of all that Jesus has suffered for us.

May we be kept in the energy of faith, waiting with patience what God has reserved for us.

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