

may never be called upon to go home in a chariot of fire. To die for one's country is a glorious thing, to die for Cæsar would be exaltation, but to die for the Name hated by the Jews was heroic. This was the act of a hero and the devotion of a saint. That hated Name has drawn men by the love hidden in it to face great dangers and suffer intense hardship. It is always an honor to suffer shame for the Name. There are harder places to suffer and die for an unpopular cause than in a foreign land among strangers. The agent of the Sanhedrin was prepared to go to the place where he was well known as the persecutor of the Christians, and there confess that he was an apostate Jew. It is hard to go home and defend Christ against the scoffs of your worldly friends. Are you ready to die to self, to foolish customs, and to the friendships of home, for the sake of Christ? If you are willing to go home to your own Jerusalem and acknowledge your firm allegiance to your Master, you will never suffer defeat, for the shadow of the Hand will protect you, and the songs of the angels will cheer your heart.

Paul was ready to go to Corinth. "Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you." It is sometimes more difficult to live and labor among people who are unresponsive to your example and teaching than to die. The man who is anxious to do the will of God is always