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“And the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them: that they may be one even as we are one.”—*John*, xvii. 22.

UNSPEAKABLE blessings are doubtless in store for the people of God; blessings, the fulness and perfection of which can only be entirely apprehended at that glorious day, when the earthly enjoyments of piety shall be exchanged for the rapture of heavenly love, according to that saying, “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”

These blessings are, however, it is added, “revealed to us by His Spirit.” This must be understood, we apprehend, as a *partial* revelation, for “we know not now what shall be;” but this partial revelation is of vast importance to us, as it brings these future glories so far within our reach as to make them the means of our instruction and objects of our aim, casting light especially on those rudiments of heavenly things which commence on earth and are perfected in eternity.

One of the modes of this future bliss is expressed in the text, “The glory which thou gavest me I have given them.”