

their flocks by night, the glad tidings of great joy, "that the Saviour who is Christ the Lord, was born in Bethlehem," we are told that the *glory of the Lord shone round about them*. The glory of the Lord was then revealed more fully than it had ever been before. The mystery of godliness was unveiled when God was manifest in the flesh.

The incarnation, sufferings, and death of the Son of God reveal the Divine glory more fully and more perfectly than any other manifestation of himself which he has given us.

"Here all God's attributes together meet,
As an assemblage of unclouded suns,
Each on the other shining."

But I must not enter upon a subject so great, so vast, so glorious. One or two words in conclusion must suffice. Our object, if we know our own hearts, is, by individual and united effort to make known the gospel of Christ; to exhibit the lovely character of God as revealed to us in the death of his Son for the sins of a lost and ruined world. Let God's chief end be our chief end. Let us hold up everywhere, and before the face of all our fellow men, the gospel glass in which the glory of God is revealed; and we may rest assured that if we do so we shall not have lived or laboured in vain. We have no fear with respect to the final triumph of our principles. The truth is mighty and must prevail. The glory of the Lord shall yet be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. Yes, the whole earth shall yet be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Our prayer now is, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done upon earth as it is done in heaven." But the period is coming in the history of the church and of the world, when that prayer shall be changed into praise, and the blessing which we now ask and expect shall be experienced and enjoyed, and the ransomed millions of our race shall all feel that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. O brethren let us be steadfast and immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labour is not in vain in the Lord. The captain of our salvation will give a crown, a sceptre, and a blood-washed robe to every faithful soldier of the cross; and we shall hear the invitation addressed to us from his own lips, well done good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Then we shall see more clearly and more perfectly the glorious results which