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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—PS. 137: 6.

THE TWO SENTENCES.

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MATT. XXV. 34 :—" *Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'*"

MATT. XXV. 41 :—" *Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, 'Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.'*"

SOLEMN, solemn sayings! What when we shall hear from the lips of the Judge, in the presence of an assembled universe, and laden for us with infinite bliss, or with remediless woe!

Oh while yet salvation may be secured, let us weigh these words, that foretell the very verdict which is to pronounce our Eternity! God the Spirit apply the truth to us with saving power!

Begin with that which will, in point of fact, take precedence—the Welcome. "Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" Wondrous words! most joyous words!

When are they to be said?

Look back in the chapter. It is when Christ comes again "in His glory," and all His holy angel, with Him, and "before Him shall be gathered all nations." And He that was once nailed to the cross, taking His seat on the Great White Throne, will proceed to divide the millions of the human race into two classes,—only two; separating them with supreme authority and unerring certainty; and setting those whose names are in the book of life "upon His right hand"—station of safety, honour, and power. "Then shall He speak to them." Ah! how *openly* He will acknowledge and reward.

Look forward in the account. This invitation to the loved is to precede the condemnation of the lost. Without delay He will make glad His redeemed; then place them on thrones, to assist in the trial of His foes!