

have got Him ; He dwells in my heart, so that I am not to be turned by such follies as ritualism and the like. The Lord keep us in a constant sense of dependence, in a sense of what He is, dependent on Him every moment, that we may never get out of the presence of God, for when' we are out of His presence there is danger.



THE CONQUEROR.

The Lord God, of old, entered on His rest, or Sabbath, as Creator. He had ended His work, and on the seventh day He rested. We know that this Sabbath has been lost by man, and the rest of God disturbed. We know, also, that another rest, or the keeping of a Sabbath, is in prospect (Heb. iv.). In what character, we may ask, will it be entered ?

Scripture tells us, by a Conqueror (see Ps. xlvii.-xlviii.; xcii.-c. ; Rev. xix.). These Psalms, etc., intimate that the Lord had just displayed Himself as a Man of war, stilling the noise of waves or the tumults of the peoples, and was now keeping the Sabbath of a Conqueror, or enjoying a *triumphant* rest.

David making way for Solomon is the type of this. Solomon was the *Peaceful*—a name which implies not abstract rest, but rest after *conflict*.

In such a dignity the Lord enters His second rest, or Sabbath. The first had not been the rest of the Peaceful. It was the rest simply of the Creator—of One who had ended a work. It was not a *triumphant* rest. It was not a rest that bespoke previous glorious warfare. It could not have had the presence of a Conqueror to adorn and gladden it.