

Revival Service.**Tears Amidst a Triumph.**

And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it., etc.

—Luke xix : 41-2. 1.

CHRIST might naturally have given himself for this once to the joy of the occasion—the grateful, enthusiastic welcome given to Him as David's greater Son, the coming King³ of Zion, but the sight of a sinning, rejecting, doomed people turned His triumph into mourning.

I. The reasonableness of His tears appears in the nature of Christ and the actual condition of the people.

(a) His keen spiritual perception saw—what the world's dull eye sees not—the soul's preciousness and peril.

(b) His fine sensitiveness keenly felt what coarser natures, benumbed by selfishness, feel only faintly or not at all.

(c) His yearning to save meets His consciousness of failure in their case, and the blended streams form a torrent.

II. Even the "mighty to save," may weep tears of despair for sinners. Not because of any lessening of His power, but of the culmination of their willful unbelief. A rebellious heart can defeat the combined wisdom, power, grace and patience of God.

Christians Beholding the Destruction of the Finally Impenitent.

When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.—Ps. xxxvii : 34.

1. THE doom of the wicked is fearful in the extreme—"cut off." Cut off from a life which they have wasted, a world they have abused. From all their pleasures and possessions and friends. Cut off finally from God, heaven, hope. As a withered branch, or the tares for the burning. Cut off by God's flaming sword of retribution, suddenly—in sight of heaven and earth.

II. Christians shall be witnesses of the tragedy. For the vindication of

their faith in God's Word and their name so often despised, and their cause so often persecuted; above all, that they may see the vindication of God's insulted name.

Yet a terrible ordeal for Christians. They are their kindred. "How can I endure to see the evil that shall come to my people" (Esther). Some of them are intimately related. Final and awful farewell. Too late then to help.

Application.—A warning to seek their salvation now. To the whole Church for the whole world, especially kindred and neighbors. Be sure your garments are clear of their blood. Time is short. Death may cut them off. —

Flocks of Doves Flying to Their Windows.

Who are these that fly as a cloud and as the doves to their windows?—

Isa. lx : 8.

HAPPY the Church when "the winter is over and gone, and the voice of the turtle [dove] is heard in the land." A day of wonder and joy.

I. The Church shall be recognized by the world as a refuge from storm, a storehouse for hungry souls, a fellowship of love, joy, and plenty.

II. When thus recognized sinners will flock to her gates as doves to hospitable windows or the openings of the dove-cote.

(a) The world is inhospitable for souls. Its votaries really hunger and shiver in loneliness and want.

(b) Their instincts will lead them where they are sure of warm welcome and satisfying plenty.

III. Let the Church seek such fullness and cultivate such charity as will attract and constrain the world at large. —

Funeral Service.**A Whole Family in Heaven.**

And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark.—Gen. vii : 1.

THE family a divine organism : therefore, to be perpetuated forever.