

people to make his last oration. His weight of glory as well as his speech caused the people to deify him, for accepting which adoration he was eaten with worms and died. From this figure learn :

1. The glory which we receive in exchange for the affliction is a *substantial* thing. It is no toy or pretty bauble that pleases for an hour and then wearies us. It is a solid joy, fitted for every requirement of our nature.

2. It is an *honorable* thing. Heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ, of the heavenly inheritance, how could it be otherwise ?

3. It is a *valuable* thing, priceless, bought for us by the precious blood of Christ, worth to us what God's Son was to His Father. How we should esteem it, and count ourselves blessed that we are named among the sanctified !

4. The apostle's other characteristic of it is that it is *eternal*. Words are unnecessary here ; it does not fade ; it does not diminish ; it has no end—three characteristics of every earthly joy.

III. And now, in conclusion, the point of the whole verse. THIS LIGHT, TRIVIAL THING WHICH IS CALLED AFFLICTION IS WORKING OUT FOR US THIS ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY. Surely a small capital for such vast returns ; surely great interest upon the principal. Looking at the glory in store, and considering all the possibilities of that glory, how small the price we pay for it ! How light the affliction !

And now the exhortation to any who may be afflicted. This light affliction of yours is working out this weight of glory. Suffer God's providence, my