

sight," to keep privately in reservation. Now God's people are His secret ones. We are told "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal; the Lord knoweth them that are His." If God knoweth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by name, how much more intimately knows He His saints who have been bought by the blood of His Son? He knows them, and has sealed them, and in His own time He will bring them forth before the assembled world and prove that they are His. Lastly, the word means to complete. God's people are sealed because they are now, and shall be for all eternity, absolutely complete in Christ. And though indeed they are yet troubled with sin and are yet living in the body of humiliation, God's purposes will ripen fast, and ere long they shall realize their completeness when they reign with Him in light. Believers, St. Paul says, were sealed unto **THE DAY OF REDEMPTION**, (Eph. iv. 30,) that is, according to the second meaning given above, they are kept to the day of glorious completion, and this fact is strikingly brought