

Not at the crown He giveth,
But on His pierced hand :
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Immanuel's land.

Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say? . . . Father, glorify thy name, vs. 27, 28. "How surely is there some supreme hour of life when the crisis is reached! Then the choice of a life is before us. That is always an hour when the cross is in sight. Every man's life has its Calvary, and we all naturally shrink from the shadows of Golgotha. But blessed is he who, like Paul, can rejoice to be crucified with Christ. (Gal. 2: 20.) To overcome the reluctance of nature under the mighty impulse of the new nature; to feel the flesh bowing and yielding before the resistless swaying of the Spirit, to see that for this cause one came to this hour, and will forfeit the glory of life, if the sorrow and sacrifice of the hour be avoided or evaded—this is the crowning success of all human successes, the triumph of triumphs. This is itself glory. It is to be one with Christ in His sufferings, and one with Him in His victory and reward." (Pierson.)

I . . . will draw all men unto me, v. 32.

POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS

Those who regularly attend divine worship are the most likely to make the personal acquaintance of the Saviour. v. 20.

Would one who wished to find Jesus be likely to go to *me* for directions? v. 21.

We, too, may tell Jesus about those who are seeking Him and ask Him to reveal Himself to them. v. 22.

Even though the path of duty should lead to the grave, it is still the way to glory. v. 23.

Let not the grain of wheat which refuses to fall into the ground think that it will live for ever. Its death may be postponed; but when it dies, it will perish without hope of resurrection. v. 24.

God, not himself, should be the object of a man's love. v. 25.

If we follow Christ through life, we shall follow Him to heaven. v. 26.

This has been most wonderfully fulfilled. Like Samson, Jesus conquered in His death. He overthrew "the prince of this world" and transferred the allegiance of his subjects to Himself. The attractive power of Christ crucified has been shown in the triumphs of Christianity, and it is still being manifested. Christ upon the cross has drawn men to Himself because men are always impressed and attracted by an act of heroic self-sacrifice, and of this, Christ's death is the supreme example. It is also the greatest exhibition of unselfish love; and love begets love. As a mother holds out her arms to her child and says, "Come," and the child runs at the look and word and action of love, so the outstretched arms of Christ appeal to us and we cannot resist His "Come." But He draws us also, because we need to be forgiven, and in Christ crucified, we see "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1: 29.) The chief of sinners may hope for pardon when this Sacrifice is offered for his sin. Let none of us, with wicked, stubborn will, resist the drawing of Jesus Christ; but rather let us say: "Draw me: we will run after thee." (Song of Solomon 1: 4.)

God honors those who are worthy. No one is worthy of honor who will not serve the Lord Jesus. v. 26.

The desire that His Father should be glorified outweighed, with Jesus, all anguish. vs. 27, 28.

"I shall lead you in person into Pretoria," said Roberts to the Guards at Bloemfontein. It was a conqueror's foresight. So Jesus speaks here. v. 31.

Love is stronger than death; but love in death is the strongest of all. v. 32.

Jesus came to do the Father's will; and He does the will of the Father by making it His own will. It is hard enough. Take the grain of wheat in your hand and admire its beauty. Now look at it when it has sprouted and is dead—how ugly and filthy, you say. But what if the grain of wheat could feel, could feel the difference, could