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which the torrent of priestly hatred would soon be foaming to overwhelm Him. He knew that for a moment it would seem to triumph, but for a moment only. Disappearing beneath the death-flood that would oversweep Him on the cross, He would presently reappear, death's Conqueror. Alive for evermore, He would stand as Master of the Flood, with power to draw all overwhelmed souls forth to the banks of everlasting life.

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The Baptism of Jesus presented a Fitting Occasion for God's Attestation to His Divine Sonship.

The heavenly witness was given in a three-fold manner.

"The heavens were opened unto Him." We may not suppose that they were opened to any other view than His. The vision of the glory-land was for Him alone. How unspeakably precious and heartening that vision must have been to Him! On the earthward side the door was opening to misunderstanding and hatred, to suffering and shame. It must have been infinitely comforting to His spirit that at such a moment the door