

Without Holiness No Man Shall See the Lord.

What is this holiness that we are told is the only preparation for Heaven? "Without it," says the apostle,—and God is speaking to us through His servant,—no man shall see the Lord." Do the people of ours and other lands think of the truth of this wonderful declaration, "no man?" May I ask: Where are holy men to be found? I trust there are some who are upon the highway which it cast up for the ransomed. But, alas! how few, and oh, how lamentable it is! So few in the Christian churches understand this glorious doctrine; they seem to shun talking about it. They are, it appears to me, afraid to meet its claims, for when God purifies a heart and comes and dwells there, no sin can ever enter. The first sin we commit turns the Master out, unless at once repented of. Now, I will give you the experience of a man who was, in every sense of the word, good as far as his faith and knowledge went. He ever argued that no man could live without sin in the world. It was to him according to his faith. Not many minutes before his death he was able to say, "Jesus is precious." Was it not that man's privilege to live with Jesus in his heart and ever saying, Jesus is precious.

What is it to be a Father in Israel?

To be a father in Israel we must have the mind of Christ, for "I and my Father are one." Is it right to say 'father' under all circumstances? I say decidedly, 'no.' It would be a positive mockery for a man or a woman out of Christ and serving the devil to address the Almighty as his or her Father." "Ye are of your father the devil while his works ye do;" but Christ said, "The works that I do shall ye, the followers of Jesus, do also." "All praise, all honor to Jesus," says Paul. All the good that we do, all the good that is in us, is from the blessed Jesus, for there is none good, no, not one. "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ yet have ye not many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel."—1st COR., 4. 15. These were the words of PAUL to the Church at Corinth, or rather to his brethren in the Church. How true are the words, "though ye have ten thousand to instruct or to teach you, and have not Christ, their teaching or preaching is vain." It must be

Jesus, the first and the last
Whose spirit shall guide us safe home.