

He is Mine. I am not going to be alone in the Father's house.

He had not deceived them ; He knew where He was taking them—that place above where He would prepare an abode for them ; and what He is putting before their hearts has this specific character—that it was where the CHILDREN WERE AT HOME. He had brought them into the place of children, and when the time came He would take them to their Father's house. It is THE thing He sets before us in a distinct and definite way ; what God was about, namely, to have us like Christ and with Christ in the Father's house. That, He says, is where I am ; where I, as Son, find My joy, rest, blessedness, and glory ; and that is where you shall find it too : your portion is with Myself in My Father's house.

First we get what His purpose is, and our relationship with Him and with the Father. This is full of richest blessing to us. Whatever blessedness He has gone to, He will in deepest personal interest come to fetch us there. After His Father His redeemed ones are everything to Him. He will come and meet them and bring them up to Himself in His Father's house. This is the basis of all His teaching here. He tells us all we have, and we are to be realizing this while He is away. How far do we really know it as a definite object before our souls ? Are we living in these now before we are really there ?

With the world, as it is, He has made a total breach. He is going to the Father's house, and that is in direct opposition to the world.—When the world entirely rejected

Him, He went up to sit at God's right hand. The Accepted of the Father is the Rejected of the world ; the world seeth Him no more ; it is all over with the world. We get this blessed obedient One, one with the Father always, but upon the accomplished work accepted of the Father, taking His redeemed ones up with Him. We are to be in the glory, conformed to the image of the Son, that He may be the Firstborn among many brethren.

Then we see how we are to realize this now. First, it is the object before us ; secondly WHAT I know of the place, and HOW I know the place. The Father is there, that is the thing that makes it valuable to the child. If I have found the Father in Christ I feel the blessedness of being with the Father and the Son.

In Christ we get the revelation of the Father, and what brings us to the Father, "I am the way." If I know the Father, I know where Christ has gone, and that is where I am going. If in coming to Him, I have found the way to the Father, I have found the way as well as the place, and know the blessedness of the Father's house because I know what is the centre of it all. I am in the consciousness of the love and divine favour that put me in this place, and I am able to cry, Abba, Father. How can I see this—know it ? In Christ. When the heart gets hold of this it has the spring of all the blessedness which we shall have when Christ comes to take us up there ; and the spirit enjoys it now because it is all for us as a present thing. We shall not get a thing there that is not revealed to us now as our portion while we are on earth.