

THE LORD'S PATHWAY IN LUKE XXII.

In this particularly fine and solemn chapter, we may see the Lord in four connections, so to speak,—with *the sorrow itself* that was awaiting *Him*,—with *His disciples*,—with *the Father*,—with *the Enemy*.

Verses 1-23. As far as He is seen here, He is seen as looking directly, fully, and advisedly at the sorrow that was awaiting Him. He sits at the Paschal Table, the witness of His coming sufferings, and He tells of His body given, and of His blood shed; at the same time refusing *for the present* the paschal cup, the expression (as I judge) of Israel's joy on the accomplishing of their redemption.

Thus we see Him in full, advised anticipation of His sorrow, looking at it directly and without the least shrinking; refusing a single thought that could qualify or reduce it.

Verses 24-38. In this part of this great chapter we see Him with His disciples, but we must remember, carrying in His bosom the full sense of the sorrow He had just been foreseeing and counting on.

But it is, beloved, a great sight which these verses give us of Him. I mean in this character. When any trouble is upon us we judge right easily and without rebuke, that we may think of ourselves. *But here, Jesus thinks of others.* The con-