

How far do we, beloved brethren, know this divine education each one for himself and herself—needs created in the soul to be satisfied thus? Surely we are the subjects of the same blessed love that would ever be creating longings that the truth might meet them in power, as the answer to them, if never measured by them. We know the place, and are, by the Holy Ghost having come, in the full effect of Jesus having gone to the Father, as He said: "I go to prepare a place for you." He has unfolded it to us in those blessed words in which light first broke to Mary of Magdala: "Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father; unto my God and your God." There is now, in an association and identification of place and consequent nearness never known or possible before, what was to take the place of the relations Mary and the rest had had with Jesus upon earth. All our associations with Him are now in that new place that He has taken. We know the place—it is His own—the only place He could give us, the only place we could stand in before God—won for us in divine righteousness by so gloriously accomplished redemption. Blessed it has been to our souls to know it; but how feeble is the power of it, how little are our hearts consciously in company with Him! I think it arises often from the soul passing too lightly from the first infinite lesson of His grace that awakened the need and brought us the knowledge of a Saviour and His full forgiveness, into