

portant and honourable, than those of the men who, in more favoured circumstances, have been employed in extending the limits of the Saviour's Kingdom, throughout the world.

It would seem to be the design of God, that wickedness in all the varied forms which it assumes in our world, should be brought into direct opposition to the Kingdom of righteousness, before that Kingdom obtain its final triumph. Now, those servants who have been faithful and courageous on the side of truth in the times of its depression, and who have barely kept the ground they had, or who have advanced on the enemy, though, it has been only inch by inch, shall yet doubtless hereafter partake in the honours and triumphs of the final victory.

"The harvest," as the Saviour said in the parable of the sower "is the end of the world;" and then, the full fruit of the painful labours of the servants of Christ shall be realized. Then, their own complete redemption and that of all who have received the Gospel through them, shall have fully come. Their works like those of all his people shall be requited by their gracious Lord and master. The habits of activity which they may have attained in his Kingdom here on earth shall qualify them for a high place in the Kingdom of heaven, just as the faith and obedience of the Disciples who following Jesus during his abasement prepared them for the high stations which they occupied in His Kingdom after he had assumed the sceptre of universal dominion and sent down the Holy Spirit into the church. And, nothing can be more certain than this, that, the blessedness of men whether on earth, or in heaven will be in direct proportion to their holiness. The more entire their approbation of the character of God, and conformity to his will, the greater will be their participation of the happiness of God.

The works of all those who labour with any success in the ministry do in an eminent sense follow them. The men whom they may "have turned from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God" as well as those whose comfort and edification they may have promoted shall all be with them in Heaven, sure and ample attestations these of their fidelity to Christ their master, or rather we may say of the high honours which he has conferred upon them, and earnest too of the boundless honours and rewards which await them, in God's eternal Kingdom! No creature shall divide with the God-head the praise of originating or effectuating any thing good or excellent in the universe, and least of all that of originating or effectuating the salvation of lost men: Yet doubtless in heaven as well as on earth shall there be admitted amongst the redeemed the feelings and expressions of gratitude towards those servants of God who had been instrumental in bringing them to the knowledge of the Saviour. And this far from occasioning pride to such servants, will rather conduce to their entertaining a deeper sense of the unmeritedness, and the greatness of the honours done them, and so also to their

knowing and enjoying more of the fullness, and all sufficiency of God.

Will then may the spirit of God record for the encouragement of all who are labouring in the Kingdom of God "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." Their joy shall be eminently "the joy of their Lord" His the joy of having rescued them from sin and the second death and introduced them into a state of higher holiness and blessedness than that which Adam ever knew, through his incarnation, and death, and exaltation. Theirs the joy of having prayed and laboured, and that through the grace of God, not in vain, to bring men to an acquaintance and connexion with this Saviour.

My beloved Brethren, may God grant that this joy may be ours. And yet let us well assure ourselves that, in order to this, we must approve ourselves in our stations "good and faithful servants." If with Paul, and the glorious company of God's chosen servants of every age we would be "crowned with the crown of righteousness," then must we also run like them, yea "fight, the good fight finish our course and keep the faith." "Sowing to the spirit" must go before "reaping to life everlasting." Yea "sowing in tears" must go before the carrying of the sheaves from the field with singing and everlasting rejoicing.

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There is an advantage which a physical has over a mental anatomist. It is that the former can place the subject of his investigation, under the cognizance of the senses. When a few nights ago, your attention was called to one of the most complicated and important processes of the animal economy, it was in the power of my friend Dr. Douglas, in addition to his own clear and accurate statements, to place under your immediate observation, the very subject matter of discussion, the stomach in which the chemical process of digestion begins, by the action of the gastric juice on the food and the whole apparatus of vessels, by which the alimentary part of the food so acted on is purified and prepared for absorption into the system, which it is designed to support. Nor was there any difficulty in keeping these under your eye, till the use of each separate part was pointed out, and the structure of the whole explained.