

the Lord see the end from the beginning? Does He not know His own purpose? He did in the case of the Widow of Nain, and hence the consoling words, "Weep not." This sorrowing woman whom the Lord met coming out of Nain (Pleasant) had already been bereft of her support, for she was a widow, and now carrying out her only son to the grave—her only comfort gone—she is met by Him who alone can comfort, who "had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not;" and then after comforting her—delaying to raise to life till she became the recipient of His divine compassion—"He came and touched the bier, . . . and He said, young man, I say unto thee, arise. And he that was dead sat up and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother." Blessed scene! death and sorrow fleeing away from the presence of Him who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many, and who ministers yet to His members on the earth out of all His fulness through the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. This is the day of *compassion* and "Weep not." To-morrow He will deliver our loved ones to us. "For the Lord Himself shall descend." Mark, the Lord *Himself*, not an angel, not Michael, Heaven's Archangelic Prince, but the Lord Himself shall descend, shall come onward to this earth, the City of Nain, (called pleasant place by many—sad misnomer that to a bereaved one whose cup is full), and having raised His sleeping saints and translated His living ones, having changed our vile bodies that they may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, He will restore our loved ones to us and us to them. 1 Thess. iv. 13-18. "Weep not." But "Comfort one another with these words."