

husband, shall descend to a new earth filled with the glory of God, and the names of the apostles on her foundation, the city where the franchise is held by the uncounted millions of the nations who shall bring their wealth and glory to her. That is the last vision of Jesus—with His Bride in a new Paradise—where sin and death are forever impossible.

This blessed Apocalypse winds up with three-fold utterance, "Behold I come quickly." Keep this in mind. There will be a reward according to works. "I come to give to every man according as his work shall be." We shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ, not to have the question determined whether our souls should be in heaven between death and the resurrection, or whether our bodies and souls have a right to be with Christ in the kingdom of glory hereafter, but to hear the words, "Well done good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of your Lord, have rule over ten cities. For according to your works shall be your reward." Don't be afraid. You died in Christ. Don't think you shall be tried for sin at the judgment seat of Jesus. That was settled 1800 years ago. The judgment was passed upon you in the old, the first Adam, and the acquittal passed unto you by the justification in Jesus upon the cross. You are safe in His arms forever by a sovereign decree, by an unconditional predestination, by a gracious calling, by a glorious justification, by a triumphant glorification, by the death, the resurrection, the ascension, and the coming of Jesus. You are safe, and do you not want to see Him? Do you not want to see the Man who died for you? I feel in the presence of that coming, that I am all unworthiness and wickedness, and I want to keep away somewhere on the edge of the kingdom, if only I can get one glimpse of my glorified Redeemer. When He says, "Come ye blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you." When He says, "I was an-hungered and ye gave me meat." When He tells us to come and take that glorious reward for our works done for Him, I am dumb and amazed. Grace abounding from God, first wrought in us to do and to will, and yet He rewards us for the same. Oh, it is grace, grace amazing, that sweet word. "Behold I come quickly, even so, come Lord Jesus." Amen.

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