

every ray will speak, is JESUS, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. This is what we *wait* for—it is a hope, and we do not yet see anything of this glory; what we see is a world filled with every attraction that six thousand years have developed, in answer to the demands of the lusts of the flesh; but, thank God, this is not all that we now have with us in the world: we have the precious word of God, which comes to us as His own voice, to declare the excellence of His Son, for we need a divine record as well as a divine estimate of His glory. We listen and are delighted, for we hear what was never from our hearts, but is from Himself. And the weapon of the Spirit is the word of God, even as His ministry is according to it. God, since the gift of His Son to man and his ignorance of Him has been fully manifested, has always sought “listeners” rather than “doers”: “he that hath an ear” is the one who is blessed.

Thus and thus only does the joy of the truly rich man desire to testify to his wealth, by refusing all *fellowship* with the principles of lawlessness towards God and of association with man, which govern the world, straining every nerve to appear rich without God.

Let us consider but for a moment the blessed free result to us of the grace that led to the Lord's suffering when He took upon Himself the terrible consequences of what we had done, and our hearts must be stirred within us at the greatness, richness and fulness of all that God has wrought for