

festation of that glory we who believe shall be with Him too, our voices hushed in the contemplation of Him who is God's Centre—a day which will see the fulfilment of His prayer in John xvii.: “Father, I will that those whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.”

Descending from the holy mount where they had heard the testimony of the Father as to the Son of His bosom, they ask the question already quoted, whose tenor is, Which of us shall be next to Him? And what a reply comes from those gracious lips—a reply for each heart to weigh the import of then, and a lesson for us to ponder still! Does He deny that there is such a place? Does He assert that we shall be all equal in that day? No, He does neither; but, exposing by contrast their love of self with what will be the true ground of exaltation, personal love, and devotedness to *Himself*, He replies, “Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” He does not say, as is (perhaps unintentionally, but commonly) misquoted, “Whosoever shall humble himself as this little child humbles itself, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” We cannot understand a little child humbling itself, because one who *is* in the place, *who is that*, needs not to come down to it; for already he is a little child. The Lord's words are rather, “You must become *as* this little