

erns of the tomb ; and now nothing remained but that He should, as the mighty Conqueror, burst the fetters of the grave, and in the fact of his resurrection give the assurance that his work is a finished work, that by one offering up of Himself He hath forever perfected them that are sanctified.

He hath thus assured all his believing people of their resurrection in due time from the power of the grave, the body as well as the soul redeemed. He hath promised them with a similar assurance, that they also shall at length follow Him to be where He now is, in the fact that He appears as their forerunner in heaven. And consequently the Holy Ghost hath thus recorded his fame, and the ground of it which we have already mentioned : "He humbled Himself and became obedient . . . wherefore, also God hath highly exalted Him," etc.

On these grounds, then, his glorious and divine person and character, his wondrous work of redemption for his people, being made a curse for them, and then his exaltation to his mediatorial throne as universal Lord for the interests of his Church—on these grounds does the renown of Jesus rest. In every heart that has experienced the benefits of his salvation, He reigns supreme. He is the chief among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely. Praise waiteth for Him continually in Zion, in his ransomed Church, wherever any are found doing his will and working his work. Even the consciences of the ungodly stand in awe of the despised Nazarene. Infidels have in their last moments prayed to Him for mercy. And as one generation after another passes away, and the songs of the redeemed are heard more extensively through-

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