

To all objections to the doctrine of the resurrection and the glorious transformation of which we have now been discoursing we have but one answer. It is "according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." We look out and up at the glorious Sun as he shines in the centre of his system of planets,—worlds on worlds in their magnificent grandeur rolling round him. He many times larger than they all. We think of the power and working that first kindled that vast ball of light and heat, and has maintained it ever since in undiminished splendor and power, without any known increase or diminution for thousands of ages; thus making him the fairest natural image of the immutable, "the father of lights." We say the power and working competent to perform such an amazing task, is amply sufficient to accomplish the wonders of the resurrection.

But who are they for whom this glory of bodily and spiritual existence is in reserve? Our text replies they who "converse as citizens of heaven." Those who conduct themselves during this probationary life as citizens of that better country to which so many of our dear friends are being removed. Heaven is a city. "Being justified by His grace we are made heirs" fit "according to the hope of eternal life." "If children then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ." Like *on* in water we are *in* this world but not *of it*. We feel we belong to a nobler world. We are all sinners. We need a radical change. "Ye must be born again." "Except ye be converted and become as little children—teachable, docile—ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." Those who through repentance towards God are the subjects of this gracious change show it by *self denial*. They "deny themselves all ungodliness and worldly lusts." Besides many things are presented to us from day to day, pleasing to our tastes and harmless in themselves, yet hindering us in the performance of our duty—preventing the intimacy of our communion with God—hindering our usefulness to others, our ministrations to