

set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith," Heb. xii. 1, 2.

10. *Let the magnitude of the blessing you are seeking, and the prospect of its consummation in eternal glory, encourage you.*

You are seeking *salvation*, a word which none but the mind of God can comprehend, for it includes, as I have already said, what is infinite and eternal. It will bless you for both worlds, this and the next. In the present life, it will bestow upon you the pardon of all your sins; the justification of your persons; the renewal and sanctification of your nature; adoption into the family of God: the Spirit of adoption; a guardian of your reputation; a protector of your property; an auxiliary to your health; a spring of comfort in the dreariest situation; a light in the darkest scene of distress; a companion in the deepest solitude; a counsellor in every perplexity; a help in weakness; a check in temptation; it will associate you with the redeemed and *holy* people of God; conduct you in honour through the changing scenes of life; attend you to the verge of eternity; soften your dying pillow; assuage the agony of separation; and cheer you amidst the agonies of death, with the hopes of immortality. And all this is but the prelude, the earnest, and the foretaste of what awaits you beyond the grave. What that is, should be told only in the words of the Spirit of God: for "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him," 1