

tions. Christian faith and hope have no outcome but in the glorious Apocalypse of Jesus. And only when we come to understand that the coming again of Christ is the fulfilment of the things described in this book can we appreciate why so much is referred to that coming, and why the venerable apostle should here, at the end of his book, bow his hoary head, and say and write his solemn, 'Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.'

"The truth is, my friends, there is no greater or gladder promise in all the Book of God than this last word of Jesus to His people, 'Yea, I come quickly.'

"It is the promise of promises—the crown and consummation of all promise—the coronation of all evangelical hopes, the sum of all prophecy and prayer. Nature and grace alike proclaim a glorified Messiah, come again from heaven in His almightiness, as indispensable to complete their appointed course. Nature calls for Him thus to come, to rectify her unwilling disorders, to repair her shattered structures, to restore her oppressed energies, to vindicate her voice of conscience long despised, her sublime testimony to the Creator so long questioned and overlooked.

"But grace sends forth a still mightier call. If the whole creation groans and travails together in pain