

The Future Which Vindicates God.

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"Wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he hath prepared for them a city which shall stand."—Heb. xi. 10.

These are bold words. They tell us that unless God has provided a future condition of social blessedness for those whom He calls His, their life's experience on earth is a blank.

The writer takes it that the wonderful things that are to befall the city of the future are the reason why He is not ashamed to be called their God.

But then, there is another form of putting it, but it is only another form of expressing a very plain thought, that the facts of the religious life here on earth are such as necessarily to involve a future of blessedness and heaven.

I need not, I suppose, dwell for more than just a sentence upon the first plain way in which this truth may be illustrated—namely, that nothing but a future life of blessedness can be the result of the religious life here on earth.

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exchanged for the joy of the Lord, and shall be made ruler over many things.

III. And now a word about my last thought; and that is, what this name binds Christian people to seek.

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