

heard their cry of anguish on earth saw them rejoicing in the Paradise of God. Thus we have singularly grouped together, in the brief space of four consecutive days, what may be regarded as a too faithful delineation of human life, in which sorrow and joy are strangely blended together.

I need not take up, link by link, the evidence of God's love to man in creation and Providence to prove to you how richly our Heavenly Father has provided for His creatures happiness and comfort in the loveliness of creation, the adornment of the intellect and all our varied mercies, social and religious: but would remind you of that wondrous exhibition of Divine love, the gift of a Savior, the greatest God could give man receive—which so astonished the angelic intelligences, that it surpasses the utmost stretch of the gifted minds to fathom its depths. If, then, God loved the world as to eclipse all other of the Divine manifestations, by the gift of His only Son to die for man's salvation; if the great and glorious Jehovah, who was supremely happy without us, moved by the pure and most disinterested benevolence and love, made such a vast sacrifice for man's happiness, temporally and spiritually, to which we had no claim, how it should move us to pray for the help of Divine grace, to cultivate the spirit of charity or love to God and in our intercourse with each other; and what a blessed change would be effected in the habits of society in general if this heavenly grace were daily cherished in the hearts of men. How altered would the world be, how smooth the path of life which sin has made rough and rugged, if men would but strive to be followers of God as dear children, and love one another. But until this heavenly grace influences