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"THAT THE SOUL BE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE, IT IS NOT GOOD."—Prov, xix.

"JERUSALEM—AS A CITY."

1. *A very populous City.*—The true Israelites have indeed been always hitherto, "a very small remnant." Christ himself addressed his disciples as "a little flock." Nevertheless, the Redeemer shall see of the travail of his soul until "he is satisfied." "They of the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth." A countless multitude—which no man can number,—ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands make up the population of the Jerusalem on high. Among the many mansions,—not one will remain untenanted.

2. *A well stored City.*—The inhabitants need fear no want. "Their bread shall be given them, and their water shall be sure." Living bread—living water. The true bread that come down from Heaven—the better manna—more than angels' food. And water from that fountain beneath the throne of God and the Lamb, flowing down through the city,—permeating every street—and every lane—and every alley, until each lowliest citizen can drink and be satisfied.—"Wine and milk too, without money and without price. "Feasts of fat, things full of marrow and offatness," so that the dwellers there "hunger no more, neither thirst any more, for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne doth feed them, and lead them by fountains of living waters."

3. *A strongly fortified City.*—A city of defence. Walk about Zion—go round about her—mark ye well her bulwarks—consider her palaces, "Salvation is her bulwark sure, against the assailing foe."—Her grand defence is the presence of her King in his own royal city. And this, whether we regard the church as here militant or as hereafter triumphant, makes overthrow impossible. "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; the Lord will help her, and that right early."

4. *A well guarded city.*—There are sentinels on her watch towers, whose duty it is to give notice of every approaching danger. And terrible is the doom denounced against that watchman, through whose faithfulness the blood of citizens flows. Such blood will be required of the watchman's hands. And yet who of us is always, or even nearly always faithful? But failing the subordinates—the chief