

### HE IS COMING.

Malachi with all the departure of a partially restored people about him, with all the discouragement that comes from the failure of a testimony revived for the time being—his only comfort, his only hope is the same comfort and hope that you and I can have. God may raise up a testimony again and again, but ah, there is only thing that can give you comfort here. It is not in any testimony that they may give here, but it is in the coming of that Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings. And Malachi as he saw the restored people gathered about him there—going on with their self-righteous Pharisaism, going on to the rejection of Christ—his eye can only look forward to the time of which David spoke in his last days, in the 23rd of 2 Samuel, when he speaks of the same King as the one that ruleth over men, just, ruling in the fear of God. He says, "He shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain."

Ah! over Israel, over the world, gross darkness prevails, but faith is linked with light from another source; faith sees the purposes of God, sees the time when Christ shall gain control here, in the world where He is rejected.

The only hope that the prophet could have—that you or I can have, is the coming of the Son of God.—"The Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in His wings." When that Sun rises upon this poor sin-cursed earth, darkness will flee away,

and it will be like the morning after the rain, and the mown grass that is dry and parched, will spring up and blossom; or as Malachi so beautifully says, they will be led forth as calves of the stall. How near it is! You remember, of course, that our hope is "the bright and morning Star," something even before the break of day, before the coming of the Son of Man as the Sun of Righteousness, riding upon the white horse. But these are but the two aspects of His coming—we wait for His coming, that is all. We learn His will, we seek to obey Him, to bear witness for Him, but ah, there is nothing that forms the foundation for our hope but His coming again. We wait for that, nothing can take its place.

When He first came down, it was as it were on the wings of a dove bringing mercy and salvation by His death. When He comes down again it will be on the wings again, bringing healing and blessing even through judgment. Are we looking for that day? Are we waiting for the coming of the Lord? And are our hearts indeed so linked with His, that there is nothing that will give us greater joy than to see Him—to behold Him, and beholding Him to know that at last all His will be like Him, for all shall see Him. May we long for that coming and wait and watch for Him. S. RIDOUT.—Treasury of Truth.

Love to Christ is the grand safeguard against every form of error and evil. A heart filled with Christ has no room for aught beside; but if there be no love to Him, there is no security against the wildest error or the worst form of moral evil.