

already : seek Him in humble faith, and He will be found of you. Do not put off the search till to-morrow, which is not yours, and may never come ; but draw nigh at once to that merciful Saviour who invites all men to come to Him, and will in no wise cast out any that come.

Here is the blessedness of a holy life—it ensures a happy death and a joyful resurrection. Let us all, then, remember our Christian profession, that we which live should not henceforth live unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Let us associate ourselves more and more in heart and life with the cause of Christ, and look to Him for guidance and direction, making His life the pattern of our own, imitating His gentleness and humility, His self-denial and benevolence, His purity and love. Let us not strive to win the applause of men so much as to obtain the favour of our God, making His law the rule of our daily conduct, referring all to His will, and shrinking not even from suffering for His sake. Living thus in the faith and obedience of the Gospel, having our loins girt about and our lights burning, we shall be ready to take our departure to “the land that is very far off:” and whenever the signal is given, glad to obey the summons, we shall of His mercy be admitted into the Paradise of God. In a word, our end will be peace, we shall die in the Lord, and blessed will be our lot.