

then the corn of wheat must fall into the ground and die. This brings before His soul the true and necessary path of His glory—death and all it meant to His soul, and He looks for deliverance. He could not wish for nor fail to fear, the forsaking of God and the cup of death He had to drink. He was heard in that he feared. That was truth, and true piety, in presence of such a passage for His soul.

So in Gethsemane, when it was yet nearer, and the prince of this world came and His soul was exceeding sorrowful unto death; when the cup was just as it were being brought to Him, though He had not yet taken it, (for He would take it from none but from His Father's hand, when His will was that He should drink it, because it was not possible it could be otherwise, if the purpose and word of God was to be accomplished,) there this character of sorrow and trial or temptation, reached its fullness. The tempter (who on His entrance on His public service, and to hinder, His doing so, had tempted Him with what was agreeable to the flesh in the wilderness, and on the pinnacle of the temple, and had been baffled and bound, and during the Lord's life had his goods spoiled), now returns to try Him with all that was dreadful for the soul of man, and above all for the Lord, if He persevered in His obedience and work unto the end. Power had been displayed capable of delivering living man from all the dominion of the enemy.

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