

*"And none shall make them afraid."* And they are not only to have comfort but the added glory of peace. The gift of the vine and fig-tree would be nothing if peace remained an exile. There are many people who have both the vine and the fig-tree, but their life is haunted and disturbed by fears. In the golden age peace is to be the attendant of comfort, and both are to be guests in every man's dwelling.

And now mark the beautiful final touches in this prophet's dream: *"I will assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that is afflicted."* They are all to be found in God's family. "Her that halteth," the child of "ifs" and "buts" and fears and indecision, she shall lose her halting and obtain a firm and confident step. "And her that is driven out," the child of exile, the self-banished son or daughter, the outcast by reason of sin; they shall all be home again! "He gathereth together the outcasts." And along with these there is to come "her that is afflicted," the child of