

declared Him qualified to make atonement for the sin of the world.

Had it not been for the sacrificial mission upon which Christ was bent, the transfiguration would have issued in translation. From the glory of the mountain He would have ascended into heaven to resume the glory that He had with the Father before the world was ; for the experience there marked the consummation of His personal human perfectness. There and then His manhood burst into brilliant flower. Had He not been in the world for redemptive purposes, God would have plucked the flower then and laid it in His bosom.

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*The Transfiguration cheered Christ onward
in the Path of His Saviourhood.*

It gave a heartening exhibition of Heaven's interest in the goal which He had set before Him, and in the means by which it was to be attained. "Behold, there talked with Him two men, which were Moses and Elijah ; who appeared in glory, and spake of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem." The presence of these men, one representative of the law, the other of