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## "NOW IS MY SOUL TROUBLED AND WHAT SHALL I SAY? Father Save Me From This Hour; But for This Cause Came I Unto This Hour."

The above verse marks a supreme and a tremendously sublime moment in our Lord's life on earth.

He had arrived at the hour of the culmination of his life work, and the hour of his divine sacrificial offering for the redemption of a lost world. When his heart sorrow was at high tide, and the waves of loneliness were sweeping over his soul.

And he said to those about him, "Now is my soul troubled." The surges of trouble passed the limit of human language, and his sacred lips for some purpose asked, "What shall I say? Dr. Adam Clarke says: Which may be paraphrased thus: And why should I say, Father save me from this hour? When for this cause I am come to this hour. ances, and the shouts of the human voice, are in comparison to those who are entrusted to suffer with Christ, and reach the glorious triumph in their limited capacity as he broke through the great cloud of darkness and woe of a rost world into his transcendent victory, when he said Father, glorify thy name.

We in like manner may break through the barriers of ever kind and character until our souls can confidently. sincerely and triumphantly say, Father, glorify thy name.

"If Any Man Serve Me, Him Will My Father Honor."

1st, He shall be with Christ. 2nd, God will honor him. great Apostle St. Paul. These men with their fellow apostles are today the most honored men who have trod the paths of toil on earth, and will be for all succeeding time, and through eternity, but who can enumerate the names of this divine honor roll?

Every true servant of Christ is enrolled. –

Have you learned to be content in the place assigned you?

Have you passed the crucial hour that merges into the perfect will of God, all of your being, with all that pertains to you, including every power, and life itself? And looking heavenward say with our blessed Lord, in his moment of triumph. "Father, glorify thy name." Oh, the height the depth, the length ond breadth. the utter abandonment, the unlimited confidence, the soul's richest tribute of love, expressed in that great utterance. No wonder that a voice that struck human ears like the rumblings of thunder, and to the saints present as the voice of an angel, but with a direct and definite message, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."-John 12-26 to 29.

"None of the ransomed ever knew How dark the hour the Lord passed through."

But in the next verse the sun breaks through the cloud, the face of Christ beams with holy victory, Almightiness surges in his heart, he throws the thin mantle of earthly sorrows aside, his eyes peer into heaven and his lips say:

Father, glorify Thy Name.

The answer came saying, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

This is a phase of holiness that few indeed take into consideration, viz.: when everything is not only submerged into the will of God, but the glory of God is the one and only consideration, whatever may be involved to reach this great climax.

This great soul devotion. This great divine submersion and absorption in God, whose glory outshines, and outweighs and outvalues every possible human consideration, and includes the limit of labour, the limit of suffering, life and death.

How cheap a little joyful emotion, a little bodily exercise, and human perform-

The history of the church gives a great honor roll.

It is a great honor to be a servant of Christ—serving Christ, with Christ—honored by God who gives no empty honors, he who is honored of God is honored indeed. In a great nation there is a great diversity of honors conferred. The servants of Christ are many, engaged in many ways but all in the service of Christ. God makes no mistakes in the bestowal of honors. Real servants of Christ only are eligible, all religious activity may not be service of Christ. To be service to Christ it must be under his direction, in his fellowship, "If any man serve me, let him follow me, and where I am, there shall my servant be."

Positions of honor have their responsibilities, problems to solve, duties to perform, honors to sustain, and accounts to be rendered. The decorations are from God, and are heavenly, not always earthly, but for use on earth. They are distinguishing marks. Honored by God, but still servants of Christ, the servants of Christ get the highest honors. Peter, James and John, the fishermen, become the Apostles St. Peter, St. James and St. John. Saul, the persecutor, became the "The life that is crowned with genuine piety is best fitted for public duty."

Happiness lives next door to complete acquiescence in the will of God.—Spurgeon.

"Two insistent questions face every man: What are you giving, and what are you keeping?"

Half the joy of life is in little things taken on the run.—David Starr Jordan.

If one man can live so as to merit the commendation of God and men, others can.