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"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."—1 Thess. iv. 3.

The preacher having set forth various peculiarities of the doctrine, came to the discussion of the question as to where sanctification is completed. He said:

If sanctification be a progression towards holiness, when shall that ultimate condition be attained? If it be a continual advancement toward some divinely determined end, when shall that end be reached? If it be the gradual fulfilment of a divinely declared purpose, when shall that purpose be accomplished? If it be a process of growth within a quickened soul, when shall the soul enter upon the blessedness of full fruition? These are questions demanding attention, and the answer thereto must be determined by the results of such completion as such results are made known to us in the Scripture.

1. One of these results will be the fulness of undisturbed satisfaction. The only satisfaction possible to us on the earth is that which comes from knowing that, by obedience to the truth and by the use of all divinely ordained agencies, the soul is continually advancing along the line of divine direction. But unceasing progress involves degrees, both as to methods and results; and the ultimate degree stands inseparably connected with all antecedent degrees.

A man may set out upon a journey with his desires and purposes all turned to the point of destination. He may secure his ticket, and know that possession thereof entitles him to complete conveyance. But if, with that ticket in his possession, he loiters at the end of the depot until the train has passed out at the other, we should not consider him very far advanced toward the fulfilment of his desires. Or if, after journeying many miles, he leaves the train to pursue momentary gratifications and become absorbed with immediate attractions, he still keeps himself removed from ultimate satisfaction. If, when reaching some mountain summit, his mind becomes overcharged with the enchantments of surrounding scenery, and he steps aside, saying:

My willing soul would stay In such a frame as this; And sit and sing itself away,

he will more than likely find that sitting and singing are not well calculated to accomplish his original purpose. In short, the satisfaction connected with consummated plans and fulfilled desires, can be attained only by pressing towards the mark set before us when the journey began.

And how often it transpires that even with the assurance of salvation in our souls, we so loiter by the way or become so absorbed on the heights whereunto we have already attained that we grow careless of present duty, and lose the stimulus of conscious necessity for further advancement, and subject ourselves to annoying disappointments and failures.

And even while in the supposed course of duty, how prone we are to become dissatisfied with our limited powers for doing, and our limited strength for enduring. How we sometimes long for a sphere of labor different from that in which we find ourselves already placed. How frequently we are disturbed by our shortcomings, and by the real or imaginary failings of those around us. How over-anxious we sometimes are to pry into God's unrevealed secrets; and instead of piercing hidden mysteries, piercing ourselves through with many sorrows. Truly the realm of undisturbed satisfaction lies beyond these disturbances that attach themselves to human frailty. And that realm must yet be reached. The truly sanctified soul shall there find full fruition. But oh! not here:

Not here where every dream of bliss deceives us. Where the worn spirit never gains its goal: Where haunted ever by the thoughts that grieve us, Across us floods of bitter memory roll. Far out of sight, while yet the flesh unfolds us, Lies the fair country where our hearts abide: And of its bliss is naught more wondrous told us: Than these few words: "I shall be satisfied."

There, and there only, in that realm of complete satisfaction, can any of us expect to find our complete sanctification.

2. Another result that shall furnish evidence of such completion will be the cessation of all afflictive discipline. And our souls are thrilled with the harmony of heaven's choral response: "These are they who have come out of great tribulation." In the light of such experiences, I do not envy the man, who with suspicious serenity, says he lives, and moves beyond the reach of earthly troubles, and above the susceptibilities of human weakness; and that he is undisturbed by those tribulations which drive so many crushed and wounded spirits to the bosom of their loved and loving Lord.

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3. A similar conclusion with reference to this period of perfect holiness is drawn from the fact that the result of such perfection will be complete likeness to Christ. This is the mark set before every sanctified believer. We press, not simply toward the prize that is contingent upon our reaching the mark; but toward the mark itself, even "The stature of a perfect man in Christ Jesus."

But who has already attained that stature in this body of flesh? Who has ever crossed the mark, this side the gates of pearl? Who, with feet still pressing the pathways of this sin-cursed earth, has ventured to claim attainment of "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ?" For this, indeed, we must unceasingly strive; and each flying moment should bring us nearer the goal. The life we now live by faith in the Son of God, should be a higher, holier life to-day than it was yesterday. It should be a higher, holier life to-morrow than it is to-day. In fervent effort and in simple trust, in careful watching and in patient waiting, let every measure of acquisition become a new point of departure toward yet more abundant grace. "Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

How momentous and imperative are the duties growing out of the truths thus set before us! In considering our condition as heirs of salvation, we cannot doubt, we dare not depreciate the value of knowing what we are saved from; but how diligently should we seek to increase our knowledge of what we are saved for! How necessary that we cherish grateful and perpetual remembrance of past deliverances; but what greater necessity for remembering the duties connected with present attainments and future possibilities! While we should keep our soul abiding joyfully in the belief, that God's purpose of grace includes redemption from penal liabilities already incurred through the enmity of the natural heart, let not our faith fail to grasp the fact that this divine purpose includes, also, an adequate and available provision for the avoidance of future liabilities, by destroying the enmity by which they are induced. Let not the exultant joy of pardoned guilt, encourage a neglect of needed and unceasing preparation for the enjoyment of heavenly fellowships and the employments of a holy service.

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Rejoice, Fathers and Brethren, that God has willed to have you redeemed; regenerated, justified; but rejoice, also, in "the large hope," that these results are to become the means for higher, holier ends, and that "this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

Bear with me a moment longer. As I look into your faces to-day, I am painfully impressed by the possibility that I am speaking to some soul who is a stranger to God's sanctifying grace. And, feebly as I have thus far performed the task assigned me, I should be yet more at fault, if I failed to submit at least one truth as worthy your most serious attention. If it be indeed true, that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord;" and if such holiness involves the separation and preparation of which I have already spoken; then, dear fellow sinner! can you for one moment feel content to neglect or postpone a work of such gigantic proportions, and so essential to your present and future welfare? Is all this removal of original unfitness; and all this knowledge of divine truth; and all this prevalence in prayer; and all this fellowship with the Spirit; is all this progression toward holiness, a work that can wisely and safely be committed to a limited and very uncertain future?

You think sometimes of the "joys at God's right hand, and pleasures forevermore," and you cherish a secret desire that when you receive your summons to depart hence, your soul may enter into the beatific glories of "the bright forever." But did you ever derive joy from temporal pursuits that were beyond your capaci-

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