

THE KING.

"We were eye-witnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—2 Peter, i. 16, 17.

THE apostles never forgot that sight when they were EYE-WITNESSES OF HIS MAJESTY! Peter, in his old age, speaks of it in his last epistle. That sight affected his whole life, more so than if he had seen all the crowned heads of Europe pass before him. On that mount of Transfiguration they saw beforehand the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy: "Thine eyes shall see THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY." His face shone

“as the sun,” and His raiment was “white as the light.” Four different inspired writers have related this wonderful scene. Luke tells us it was: “as he prayed the fashion of his countenance was altered.” They saw beforehand the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. But what a King! and what a kingdom! The kingdom of the praying Man! Psalm xlv. is full of The King: “Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.” He alone has the glory of having died for us. And what glory! The glory of grace! HIS SUFFERINGS ARE HIS GLORY! His glory is seen in what He did on the cross, of which His resurrection is the triumphant proof. Soon myriads will own

Him as He comes forth King of kings. Sinner, you need not be afraid to look at the majesty of Jesus, for His majesty and greatness are the witness that He has died for us, and overcome every enemy, even death itself. His majesty is that He is the Son of God, in whom He is well pleased, come forth from God, to make Him known, come forth to die for us, to be the sinner's Saviour, the Saviour of the world. In the world's coronations only a few get near enough to see the King in his glory, nor does the sight produce any moral change in any one. It cannot make a drunkard sober, nor save a poor sinner from the power and dominion of sin, nor give life to a single soul, much less to a whole nation. God would have all to look at the glory of

His Anointed, the King of kings; and all who look, live! It is the glory of grace. It tells the sinner of a Saviour God, who would have all to be saved, of One who has been into death for us. It is unparalleled in its brightness, and yet the more you gaze at it, the more you want to gaze, for that glory attracts you and says—I died for you! The dying thief caught sight of that glory, and it overcame him, his hard heart was broken, and believing that Jesus was King and would come in His kingdom, and give even him a place in it, said: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into (or in) thy kingdom " And he was not mistaken. It was the very kingdom for a poor hopeless brigand. He had never seen such grace in anyone as he did when,

in the face of the most hardened crowd ever collected, Jesus said : "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." The glory of the King, the glory of grace, shone out in those words for the dying thief, and the Lord's own words to him : "Verily I say unto thee, to-day shalt thou be with me in paradise," assured him he had not mistaken the glory of the King—it was saving glory; and that at the cost of the King's own blood ! It was for him that Jesus was dying, it was his sins that Jesus bore, as indeed He bore the sins of all who believe in Him. He has been into death for us, broken its power by resurrection, and now we see the risen and ascended Jesus crowned with glory and honour at the right hand of God. Soon He will return and

take the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, then He will have universal dominion and will hush every groan, remove poverty and suffering, give life to the world, and take away its lawlessness. He will bring in the rights of God and maintain them for ever. He will be owned as "the blessed and only Potentate," greater than all the Emperors and Cæsars, "Prince of the kings of the earth." To Him will be the glory of having died to secure a world for God, that He might bring in eternal life where all was death. Reader, be encouraged to look at the glory of the Lord. **ONE RAY OF HIS MAJESTY AND GLORY** will, if received into your soul, *affect you for life*, and the more you see what His glory is the less you will think of

the passing glory of this world. The glory of Jesus not only saves you, but it will so affect you that you will become like Him, you will be part of His glory, and one of the King's companions when He comes forth as Conqueror. Then all nations will sing: God save the King. "Prayer shall be made for him continually, and daily shall he be praised!" May your eyes be opened to see the majesty of the Son of God, HIS MAJESTY IN DYING FOR US, and in breaking for ever the power of death. The truly great One came to serve all, "not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many!" Such is the true greatness of the King of kings, He died to save us and to secure a world for God! Blessed be His name.

(Tune—Hark, the song of Jubilee!)

- 1 See, the glory of the King!
How His Majesty doth shine!
All His greatness we would sing,
How it tells of love divine.
Tells us how Himself He gave,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Broke the power of the grave,
All to get a world for God!
- 2 See, the glory of the King!
Shining in His blessed face,
Universal praise we bring
For His glory is His grace!
We extol the One who died,
Died to have us for His own,
And His sufferings! tell them wide
For His sufferings are His crown!
- 3 Truly, He is King of kings,
Soon to rule the world for God.
Great the blessing that He brings,
All secured by His blood!
Brighter than the sun will shine
All the glory in His face,
And His Majesty divine
Tells the greatness of His grace!

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