

It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, **that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen**. Saith the Lord; "Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth . . . to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of Israel. {Isaiah 30:29}..."

By the people of God a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, "Look up," and lifting their eyes to the heavens, **they behold the bow of promise**... like Stephen they look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne. In His divine form they discern the marks of His humiliation; and from His lips they hear the request presented before His Father and the holy angels: "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." John 17:24. Again a voice, musical and triumphant, is heard, saying: "**They come! they come! holy, harmless, and undefiled. They have kept the word of My patience**; they shall walk among the angels;" and the pale, quivering lips of **those who have held fast their faith** utter **a shout of victory**.

It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while **the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance**... In the midst of the angry heavens is **one clear space of indescribable glory**, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: "**It is done.**" (Revelation 16:17).

That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, "such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." (vs.17)...

Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth... awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2. **All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law....** "those which pierced Him" (Rev 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies,...are raised to **behold Him in His glory** and to **see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient**.

Through a rift in the clouds there beams a star **whose brilliancy** is increased **fourfold** in contrast with the darkness. It speaks **hope** and **joy** to **the faithful**, but severity and wrath to the transgressors of God's law.

Those who have sacrificed all for Christ are now secure, hidden as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. They have been tested, and before the world and the despisers of truth they **have evinced their fidelity** to Him who **died for them**. **A marvelous change has come over those who have held fast their integrity** in the very face of death. They have been **suddenly delivered** from the dark and terrible tyranny of men transformed to demons. **Their faces**, ... are now aglow with wonder, faith, and love. **Their voices** rise in triumphant song: "God is our refuge

and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,... {Psalm 46:1-3}

While these words of holy trust ascent to God, the clouds seep back, and the starry heavens are seen...the **glory of the celestial city streams from the gates ajar**. Then there appears against the sky a hand holding **two tables of stone folded together**. Says the prophet: "**The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself.** Psalm 50:6. **That holy law, God's righteousness,** that amid thunder and flame was **proclaimed from Sinai as the guide of life,** is **now revealed** to men as **the rule of judgment.** The hand opens the tables, and there are **seen the precepts of the Decalogue,** **traced as with a pen of fire.** The words are so plain that all can read them. Memory is aroused, the darkness of superstition and heresy is swept from every mind, and **God's ten words, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative,** are **presented to the view of all the inhabitants of the earth.**

It is impossible to describe the horror and despair of those who have trampled upon God's holy requirements. The Lord gave them His law; they might have compared their characters with it and learned their defects while there was yet opportunity for repentance and reform...Now they are condemned by that law which they have despised...

The enemies of God's law, from the ministers down to the least among them, have a new conception of truth and duty. **Too late they see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God.** Too late they see the true nature of their spurious sabbath and the sandy foundation upon which they have been building... Only in eternity can we rightly estimate the loss of a single soul. Fearful will be the doom of him to whom God shall say: Depart, thou wicked servant.

The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. **The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward.** Their **countenances are lighted up with His glory,** and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when **the blessing** is pronounced on those who have **honored God by keeping His Sabbath holy,** **there is a mighty shout of victory.**