

A Word from Him Who Sits Upon The Throne

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Sing: Psalter 146: 1-3, 7, 8
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Congregation, the text for this sermon is found in Revelation 21:6 which reads:

“And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.”

A Word from Him Who sits on the Throne.

1. A Serious Word: *“And He said unto me, It is done.”*
2. A Comforting Word: *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.”*
3. A Loving Word: *“I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.”*

1. A Serious Word

The book of Revelation of John is a particularly impressive book. While John was exiled to the lonely island of Patmos, he saw and heard inexpressible things as the heavens opened above him. The Lord told him to write these things in a book. And so we have the last book of the Bible, Revelations. When you read this book, there are many things that make you wonder about what they really mean. There are so many things which are difficult to understand. There are also things that make you cringe when you read about the judgments of God that are coming upon this world which is groaning and creaking at its seams. It is a gripping and awe-inspiring book.

The book is also impressive in its structure. We can divide the Revelation of John into seven groups of seven scenes. And in each of these seven groups we have, so to speak, another cross section of world history between Pentecost and the Second Coming. Seven groups of seven scenes, so forty-nine in all.

The text for this sermon is taken from the description of the last scene, the forty-ninth. After forty-nine comes fifty. In the Old Testament, the fiftieth year was the Year of Jubilee. Then the slaves received their freedom. They rejoiced and were jubilant because

they were set free. Forty-nine scenes culminate in the everlasting Jubilee....

Here in this last scene, John has a glimpse, as it were, of that Year of Jubilee, of the eternal future of all who fear the Lord. What exactly that Year of Jubilee entails, he describes in the second part of the chapter 21, and in chapter 22, when he pictures the New Jerusalem; the eternal future of all who fear the Lord.

Revelation describes profound things. We sometimes get scared when we read it. But there's something else we need to consider. Before John describes the profound last events, he sees a throne, a throne in heaven. All things are ruled from that throne.

Congregation, there is a throne set in heaven. Everything that happens in the world is connected to that throne. God rules, even now. This was truly a comforting and powerful message at the time John lived, when Christians were being persecuted. Would we be prepared to be thrown to the lions and the wild animals to be devoured because we hold on to the confession of Christ? John lived in such a time. And in that time the message came that whatever happens in this world is determined in the throne, regardless of how profound and incomprehensible it may seem to us. First there is the throne, and then the events as described in the series of forty-nine scenes.

God's reign is incomprehensible to us. Who can fathom that we have abundance of food, while others in this world die of hunger? Why are there so many incomprehensible things happening in this world? Yet we are called to believe that everything is ruled from the throne. It is hard! But here, in this world, from our perspective, we are looking at the confusing back of the embroidery of God's government. The backside of an embroidery looks like a tangled web, it is so confusing. All of those threads cross. You would say, "That doesn't make any sense." But soon the redeemed will see the well-ordered front of the embroidery of God's government. And they will see that every thread is correct.

I once knew an experienced child of God who often hosted other children of God at his home. They would speak with each other about their spiritual life. But upon arrival at his house at about ten o'clock in the morning, they always would find this old Christian reading his newspaper. His visitors would then say, "How can you enjoy reading the paper at your age? You are already so old. A little longer, and you will enter eternal glory. Are you still interested in that newspaper?"

Then he would say, "In this newspaper I read how my King rules the world. That gives peace to my restless heart: even though I cannot understand God's government, and even though it sometimes seems like a tangled mess, just like the back of an embroidery, yet I believe that God is in control and that He never makes a mistake. Things never spin out of His control, no matter what. God is great and we don't understand Him. We don't understand His government. But believing that He never makes a mistake gives me peace. The newspaper tells me how my King is ruling this world."

John saw the same thing on Patmos. He wrote it in the Book of Revelation. He saw that God's throne is fixed, no matter what. Then he describes what he sees in this last scene.

"And He said unto me, It is done." Who is this "He" who speaks? That is He who sits on the throne. It is the living God: He Who gave His only begotten Son for sinners. From that throne the Lord, through Christ, rules all things. He causes all things to move towards the great purpose that He Himself has set.

What will become of this world? Is it possible that a baby born today lives to be 90 without experiencing the Second Coming of Christ? Yes, that is possible, although you may well wonder how this world will look in 90 years time. When you look at these children, you may wonder what they will yet have to experience. The Bible speaks of the great apostasy and the revelation of the man of sin. We may tremble at the thought.

Nevertheless, we believe that the Lord is, and remains, in full control. He directs and rules all things through Christ. The world is in God's hands. God will accomplish His purpose, His purpose of honoring His Name and saving sinners. An innumerable multitude from all nations will sing God's praises. His purpose also includes the demise of the kingdom of darkness.

That is how you should read the newspaper, believing that Christ's throne in heaven is fixed, and consequently confessing that regardless of whatever may happen in this world, there is no cause more secure than His cause, the cause of God's Kingdom.

What is to become of this world? John describes it in this chapter. He sees a new heaven and a new earth: as Peter had already written: *"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness"* (2 Peter 3:13). A new and renewed creation, which will perfectly fulfill the purpose of its great Creator forever.

John also writes, *"and there was no more sea."* The troubled, dangerous sea, which can cause so much devastation. Or the troubled sea of the nations. So much is going on. Blood and tears... *"and there was no more sea."*

Then John witnesses how the holy city, the new Jerusalem, comes down from heaven, like a bride adorned for her husband. The new Jerusalem is the dwelling place of all the redeemed. It is the dwelling place of the bride of Christ, in which the Triune God will be glorified forever.

John is privileged to write that God will wipe away all tears from the eyes of His children. Do you know what God's children sometimes say? If tears will be shed in heaven, they will only be tears of amazement because of the miracle that God was pleased to show mercy to a sinner like me.

John hears Him Who sits on the throne say, *"Behold, I make all things new."* That is

the new heaven and the new earth. John is instructed to write all these things down.

In our text John adds, "*And He (again that is the One Who sits on the throne) said unto me, It is done.*" Here the same One speaks Who gave His own Son on the cross of Calvary. There on the cross it sounded from the mouth of the Savior: "*It is finished*" (John 19:30). God's counsel was accomplished: the prophecies fulfilled; the suffering accomplished; the debt paid; the wrath of God stilled; and God's justice satisfied: all was finished. And now John hears Him Who sits on the throne say, on the basis of that finished work of Christ, "*It is done.*"

What does that mean? It means: it is over, it is finished. The end of this dispensation has come. The end station has been reached. "*It is done.*" This dispensation is now coming to its end. Now there will be a new heaven and a new earth. The new Jerusalem, adorned like a bride. "*It is done*" means that the end of time has come. Somewhere in Revelation it says that there will be no more time. "*It is done*" means that the last wave of time has now broken on the beach of eternity. "*It is done*" means: the time of grace is now over. "*It is done*" means: world history has come an end. God's work on earth is finished. The number of the elect is complete. The last one has been brought in. The measure of sin is full. God's counsel is accomplished. "*It is done.*" Satan's power is over, and gone forever.

What will become of this world? The end of this time is coming when Christ will return on the clouds, and will proclaim, "*It is done.*" The goal is now accomplished. This is where this world is going, this is so clear from what John here writes.

Congregation, this is our destination. Maybe you will still be alive when Christ returns. Maybe you won't. But at some point in your life, the Lord will say, "*It is done.*" He will say that on the last day, but He will also say it when you die, when your earthly life is over. Then the Lord will also say, "*It is done.*" That may be much closer than we think. Today could be your last church service. You don't have to be eighty-five for that. You can be twenty-five or even younger. You may know of people who died at a very young age. They had a serious car accident, or they had a deadly disease and though they fought against it, but they lost the battle and the Lord said: "*It is done.*" It is finished, and your earthly life it is over.

One day the Lord will also say to us, "*It is done.*" What will that mean for you? How many empty words have you uttered? What about your deeds? What about your thoughts? God's Word says, "*A book of remembrance was written before Him*" (Mal.3:16). The Lord keeps a record of our lives. He knows everything we do. We forget, but He doesn't. We may want to delete some of the pages of our life, but we can't. What has happened, has happened. What has been said, has been said. What has been thought, has been thought.

John describes seeing the dead standing before the judgment seat of Christ. He saw the dead, small and great. He describes how the books were opened at the final judgment. That is where the book of your life will be opened, and it will be placed next to the book of God's holy law.

Is that not a solemn thought? One day the books will be opened. One day your book will be opened. And what a blessing if that may happen already now during your life. That is what God's children experience: the books of their lives have been opened. But if that does not happen until Judgment Day, it is too late. But when the book of life is opened during my life, I may pray, *"And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified"* (Psalm 143:2). Then you are not looking at other people: then you only have yourself to consider.

"It is done" How will things be for us then? How did we use our time, or maybe misuse it? How much time did you waste looking at your screen? What filled your heart? What about your bosom sins? Did you fight against sin? What did you do with the preaching of God's Word?

When the Lord is coming again and says, *"It is done."* – you can never redo your life. Oh then, fall at Lord's feet today! Beg for His mercy. Now is the time of grace. Now is the time to get converted. But the moment when the Lord will say, *"It is done"* can be so near. That's why conversion cannot wait. One day the Lord will also say to us, *"It is done."*

How will death find us? Unprepared? Death can come like a thief in the night, unstoppable, merciless. Then it will sound, *"It is done."* And in the place where the tree falleth, there shall it lie. You cannot repeat your life. Then the time of grace will be over. The preaching will be over. And God will have recorded your life just how it was.

Will you be still unconverted then, still without Christ, still without the blood that cleanses from all sin? Oh, that will so terrible. Then the judgment will be final, just as John describes it. You will call to the mountains and to the hills, *"Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb"* (Rev.6:16). But it will be in vain. It will be too late.

Yet now, the call of God's Word still sounds: Turn ye, turn ye! Why will ye die? Why should you perish? Take the Word of God to heart. It is still the time of grace. The Lord is still calling and He is still inviting. He still has Christ preached to you as a perfect and all-sufficient Savior. He still stretches out His gracious hands to you, just as He wept over unrepentant Jerusalem when He said, *"How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"* (Matthew 23:37).

Likewise, Christ weeps over your unconverted hearts. He does this in the preaching of His gospel. He still walks in our midst in the garment of His Gospel, on which is written: *"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth:"* (Isaiah 45:22).

Woe to us if we do not heed this great salvation. One day your last day will come, and then He who sits on the throne will say: *"It is done."* Then the time of grace will be over.

Do you dare to continue living comfortably unconverted, without God, and without Christ? Do you dare to go on, preoccupied with things of this earth and ignoring God's grace? We will never be able to blame the Lord. Could He have given more than His own Son? Could Christ have given more than His own blood? Have you been excluded from the gospel? No, you haven't! No one is excluded from the invitation of the gospel. Congregation, our conversion is urgent. The time when the Lord will say: *"It is done"*, may be much closer than we think.

The great day when Christ will come on the clouds will soon come. He is coming to judge the earth. Then it will sound in its full meaning: *"It is done."* Everything is hurrying toward that end, toward that great day. The signs of the times are crying out to us: He is coming! He is on His way!

And when He comes, it will sound: *"It is done."* He will bring His bride home forever. But the kingdom of darkness will fall. I read here in the eighth verse about a lake burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death, which is eternal death. That is hell. The Bible tells us this so honestly so that we would be awakened before He says: *"It is done."*

"It is done." It is also a word which comes to God's children. Who have you been before God? Should you not say, "Lord, I have troubled Thee with my sins, I have wearied Thee with my iniquities"? When God's children consider their life, who have they been before the Lord? Have you always spoken when you should have spoken? Have you always been silent when you should have been silent? When the book of your life is opened, don't you have to confess, "Who was I and who should I have been...? When the book of my life is laid next to the book of God's holy law, I can only bow my head with shame. There are only red marks of failure in the book of my life. There is only debt. I fall short of everything."

The Lord will also say to His children: *"It is done."* What has been done is done. That remains recorded before Him. A serious word from Him who sits on the throne; but also:

2. A Comforting Word

Our text is not only a serious word, it is also a richly comforting word. Because He Who sits on the throne goes on to say, *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."* Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet in which the New Testament was written, and Omega is the last. We could say the A and Z. The beginning and the end; or the first letter and the last letter. The rest of the alphabet is found between those two letters.

That is how the Lord spans all things. He spans all history. He spans all time. He is the

Eternal One. He is who He is. There is no change with Him. He is not a mortal being. He is the Alpha, He is the beginning. But He Himself has no beginning. He is also the Omega; He is also the end. But He Himself has no end. He is the unchanging faithful One. He never changes. He revealed Himself to Moses with His glorious name: "I AM WHO I AM" Who I was before, I am now, and I will always be. I am the Unchanging One in My Love and in My Faithfulness.

What a comforting word for guilty sinners who, when the books are opened, are left with nothing but guilt. He is the Faithful One, the Alpha and the Omega, the Rock of Ages who will never falter. He says today, *"For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."* (Mal. 3:6).

He comes to His children when their heart trembles in their struggles and temptations: He comes with His divine assurance: *"For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee."* (Isaiah 54:10). He is the Alpha and the Omega. He is the beginning and the end.

Your unfaithfulness, child of God, can never undo His faithfulness. Oh, look at your life. How unfaithful have you been, time after time? But has not the Lord always been the Faithful One? Has He ever confounded you? Has He ever wronged you?

When the Lord says, "My child, do you really have a cause to complain about me?" you will have to say, "No, Lord, Thou hast been faithful! Thou hast helped me, saved me, and granted me deliverance where I saw no solution. Thou hast always been faithful." This then shows the guilt of the children of God.

But now the Lord says, "I remain the same. I remain the Faithful One; I am the Alpha and the Omega." In the light of all your unfaithfulness, have you experienced His faithfulness in your life? Then know: He remains the same, eternally faithful. Even when everything changes, even when His children are so unfaithful. What steadfastness in Him who sits on the throne! The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Was He not the First in the lives of His children? He was the First who, in His seeking love, stopped them on the broad way to destruction. He was the first to bring them from death to life. He was the first to have mercy on them. They did not ask for God, but He was the first to ask for them.

Yes, much more: He was the First from eternity. *"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love"* (Jer 31:3). He was the First from the eternal depths of His divine good pleasure. From eternity He has loved His own. *"Ere into being I was brought, Thy eye did see, and in Thy thought, my life in all its perfect plan, was ordered ere my days began."* He was the first to give His own to Christ as the wages of His labor. And Christ, as their Mediator, accepted, bought, and paid for them with His precious blood. He is the First in the life of all His own. He is the beginning of their spiritual life. Everything is only through Him and of Him. And He remains the First, time after time. The First who made you lose

everything that is not Christ. The First who showed you something of Christ's when the Gospel was opened to your guilty heart. The First who overcame you to flee to Jesus in your misery and death. The First to give you the faith to rest, guilty and unworthy as you were, on Jesus and His righteousness alone, and to taste in Him something of the peace with God that passes all understanding.

He was the First, He is the First, and He remains the First. Even when His children stray from Him. Even when His children fall into sin. Even when His children oppose Him.

A word of comfort: *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."* The first and the last. He is and remains the same. If this were not true, it would be hopelessly lost. "Yes," you say, "but I am unconverted. I dare not say that I know of this new life." Then I say to you: I may proclaim the Lord to you as a God who also wants to be the first in your life. He has already shown this when you were baptized, when you were still unaware of your existence. As the baptism water dripped on your forehead, He was reaching out to you as the First. When your name was pronounced at the baptismal font, He was the first as He sealed on your forehead that there is room for you in the blood of Christ.

You have been baptized, boys and girls! You have the seal on your forehead that He wants to be the First in your life. That is why you can still be saved. You can still be converted. You can still be reconciled with God. Bow your knees and pray, "Lord, make this happen in my life, too."

The beginning and the end, the first and the last... The Omega is the last letter of the alphabet. Well, the Lord is also the last, the end. Soon death will come, also for God's people. The last day. Then it will sound: *"It is done."* Oh, how afraid of death a child of God can be, afraid of this king of terrors, the last enemy. But listen now: He is also the Last. He who was the first in your life will also be the last. He who was there at the beginning will also be there at your end. When the last day comes and it will sound: *"It is done"*, when your eye shall close, and when you must go through the Jordan of death and let go of everything, He will be there. For He is also the last, the end. Even then He will be the Faithful One. He will be waiting for you on the other side of the Jordan of death. He will bring you to eternal rest. He will say, "My child, it is done. You have suffered enough. You have fought enough. You have wept enough. You have wandered enough. It is done. Enter now into the everlasting joy of the new Jerusalem."

That is where it is going. Ultimately, there will be that great day when He will say: *"It is done."* It all ends in the New Jerusalem.

Therefore, God's pilgrims, take courage! Do not just look at the circumstances which can be so discouraging. Do not just look at your unfaithfulness and your guilty heart, look up. He is the One who sits on the throne and He will soon say: *"It is done."*

He says: *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."* He who trusts in the Most High God has not built on sand.

We will proceed to our last thought, but first we sing together of Psalter 117: verses 1 - 4

A word from Him who sits on the throne. A *serious* word, a *comforting* word, but also:

3. A Loving Word

John also hears Him say, *"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."*

"I will". The great "I" is speaking here. *"I will give."* It's not about what you take, but about what He gives. God's children need to be given. Again and again.

"I will give." Only by grace. It is not of yourselves. Not of works, lest any man should boast. It is the gift of God alone. It is by grace, purchased at great cost by Christ Himself. Christ had to bleed, suffer, fight, and die for it. But now that He has obtained it, He can rightfully say, "I will give it." Sinners are saved by grace alone, freely. These are the last words of this sixth verse: *"freely."*

An old child of God once confessed, "If I had to add just one sigh to my salvation, I would go lost forever." How complete is the giving of God's grace!

That is why salvation is possible. If I had to add one tiny bit to it, salvation would never be possible. Because that one tiny bit would be stained by sin. But now it is possible. *"Freely,"* it says. Now it is possible for you and for me and for the greatest sinner.

Still today the Lord gives this grace to be proclaimed. But how terrible if we have never felt our need for God's mercy. We will perish through our own fault. When do we feel that we need grace? When we have nothing but guilt. Then that little phrase, "I will give" becomes so rich. The Lord says, "I will give it for free. By grace alone."

What does the Lord give? *"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."* This is an image from Eastern life. It naturally appealed to the people of the arid East. Man needs water to drink, to quench his thirst. Water is life. There is no life in the desert because there is no water. A well differs from a spring. A well is something a person has to dig, and it can run dry; but a spring, however, is natural, and it never runs dry. A well can contain stagnant, polluted water that becomes murky and unhealthy. But in contrast, a spring provides running water, living water, that is always cool, clear, and fresh.

For an Easterner, such a spring is vital. Everything there yearns for water. It is with this in mind that we should read this: *"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."*

And who is this fountain? It is the Lord Himself. Through Jeremiah, the Lord says of His people, *"They have forsaken me the fountain of living waters"* (Jer. 2:13). This is God himself, the greatest good in heaven and on earth. In Psalm 42 we meet someone who is thirsty. *"My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God"* (Ps 42:2). It is someone who cannot find rest anywhere except with God, Who is the fountain of life, from whom streams of living water flow to those who are thirsty.

We have forsaken this fountain. In our sinfulness we have left Him. But what does God do? He comes with His Word: *"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."* And this is only possible because there was One, His own Son, who had to cry out on Calvary, *"I thirst"* (John 18:28). He thirsted so that the thirsty may drink for ever!

To whom does the Lord give this water? The text tells us. He gives it to the thirsty. Thirst is never found in a dead person, only in a living one. This thirst, just as the thirst of Psalm 42, is the fruit of spiritual life, of regeneration, of the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart.

Certainly, when we are unconverted, we also thirst. Here in this life we thirst for all kinds of things. By nature we do not thirst for God. We can thirst for anything, but have we learnt to thirst for God? As Augustine said: "My heart is restless within me until it finds rest in Thee, O God."

Are there people present here this evening who thirst for God? Maybe a boy or a girl who says, "Yes, the emptiness of my heart can not be filled by anything or anyone: I thirst for God! But I don't deserve His coming to me. I am not worthy. The Lord has always been so good to me, but who have I been to Him? However, this I cannot deny: I can not miss God anymore: I thirst for Him."

Do you know what happens then? You find a quiet place to pour out your heart before the Lord and say, "O God, could it also be for me?" Listen, says the Lord, *"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."* Are there people here who can find no rest but in God alone? Are there people here who thirst for Christ and His righteousness? Is your debt unpaid and do you have nothing with which to settle it? Is your heart crying out for Jesus? Are there such thirsty people here tonight in church?

Do you know what such thirsty people learn? It would be just if the Lord would never look towards me again and if He would let me perish of thirst forever. But, Oh, to miss this God, to miss Jesus, is to miss everything. And so they thirst.

Well then, when I read here the word of the One who sits on the throne, I say boldly: Let those who are thirsty take courage! For He says: "I, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the God who can never lie, will not fail to give to the thirsty from the fountain of the water of life."

The Lord will not let you die of thirst. He will not let you perish. He will not leave you in distress. He will come in His time. It cannot be otherwise. It is His word. He Himself has created this thirsting for Him. Even if you cannot imagine it. He does not do a half job. He Himself makes you thirst, so that He Himself will quench that thirst. He first makes the land crave for water, and then He enriches it greatly. This is the way of the Lord. So, keep courage! He will give the thirsty to drink. He will give them to drink of the waters of His grace. He will give them to drink of the blood of Christ, Who said, *"My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed"* (John 6:55).

They drink of the water of life when they experience God's nearness and stammer with Asaph, *"It is good for me to draw near to God"* (Ps. 73:28). They drink of the water of life when they look outside of self unto the precious Lord Jesus, as He reveals Himself in His gospel. They drink of the water of life when, as miserable and lost as they are in themselves, they rest on Christ by faith, entrusting themselves unconditionally to that perfect Savior. They drink of the water of life when the Lord gives Himself away in Christ to their guilty hearts and when they experience a foretaste of eternal joy.

The Lord will fulfil His word, even though you cannot see how. Even if it is impossible from your side, the Lord will fulfill His Word. *"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."* The Lord will make it happen. Already here, on this side of the grave, there are precious moments when the Lord is near and He fills the emptiness within with Himself in a wonderful way. Then you may say, "If these foretastes are so blissful, what will it be like on that great day when Christ returns, sits on the throne, and says: *"It is done,"*? What will it be when this new Jerusalem comes down as a bride adorned for her husband. If the foretastes of this drink are already so blissful, what will it then be like in the end? To eternally drink from this perfect fountain. To eternally be satisfied with God." As a child of God once said with dying lips: 'I can never have enough of God, but with God I'm eternally satisfied.' Then there will be the perfect drinking in eternal joy.

If already there may be those golden moments here below, what then will it be like here after? That is the future of all those who fear the Lord. If one thing is clear from the book of Revelation, it is this glorious perspective.

But, congregation, how will it be with you? And with you, boys and girls? Children, young people, do you have a new heart? Where are you travelling to? Do you already know this? McCheyne knew it. He sang:

*Even treading the valley, the shadow of death,
This "watchword" shall rally my faltering breath;*

*For while from life's fever my God sets me free,
Jehovah Tsidkenu, my death song shall be.*

And so they will obtain the heritage of which it is written, *"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son"* (Rev.21:7). Do you know to where you are travelling?

I think of a child of God who died a long time ago. On her way to church, someone came up to her and suddenly, just before the service, asked her, "Where is your journey going?" We should be able to ask each other that question, shouldn't we? But she couldn't answer. It was so dark inside, so much strife within. Do not think that God's children always have a full view of the Lord.

She could not answer. But sitting under the preaching the Lord came powerfully and it became such a golden moment for her heart when she heard the precious Word of God. As she left the church, she saw the person who had asked her the question. She ran up to her and said, "Now I know where I am going!"

Do you know? Has this Saviour become dear to you? Congregation, there can be no delay. It is still the time of grace. But the moment when the Lord will say: *"It is done!"*, can be very near.

Do not delay but

*While He proffers peace and pardon Let us hear His voice today.
Lest if we our hearts should harden, We should perish in the way.*

Amen.