

Satisfied With Jesus

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What rapture it will be to open our eyes in the first moment of death beholding the face of our dear Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. How wonderful He will appear. How beautiful and brilliant and blessed! What ecstasy will break upon our senses, what sights and sounds and scents will fill that instant, that first eternal moment in the immediate presence of our Beloved.

Somewhere in time tears are beginning to well up in the eyes of our loved ones, a nurse is fussing, an onlooker frets. But there are no more tears in this place. No fussing, fretting or fear will be found. A new day has dawned, we succumb to death, we waken to glory. Never such peace, never such joy, beyond all we ever thought or imagined.

Those who suffer great loss speak of the moment of waking from sleep and the calm peace of the instant before their mind recalls its pain and the memory of emptiness returns. No more. The travail of the Lord's people is ended. We have sown in tears, but we shall reap in joy. Joy for victory won, joy for labour's end, joy for hopes realised, but most of all joy for seeing Jesus!

I will behold His face in righteousness and I will be like Him. What a prospect! What a vision! Well might the Apostle declare, 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.' And if these blessings are begun in time, what sublime fulfilment they will render in eternity. Do not speak of rewards. I shall be satisfied with Jesus. Do not speak of merit or just deserts. In righteousness I shall see my Saviour's face. Do not speak of crowns earned, services fulfilled, works performed. The likeness of Christ will suffice.

As for me, one day soon I shall close my eyes in natural death and open them in eternal life. I will see my Saviour, my God, as I have longed to see Him for many years. I will know Him above all others for I will be like Him.

What promises these are to the child of God to strengthen and comfort him on the way to heaven. What consolation for those who remain when the beloved of the Lord precede them home. What glorious gifts await us all who seek His face, who trust Him now, who presently enjoy the sweet blessings of His grace, cherish His mercy and feel His love. Soon we shall sleep, then we shall awake, then we shall rise in complete and everlasting enjoyment of Him and His salvation throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

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