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## Our unassailable God

"There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD," Proverbs 21:30.

The day following the sodomite "Gay Pride" parade in Belfast, (Saturday, 4th August) I went to God's house much cast down by the news reports of the support given to that evil demonstration! In a land so blessed by God over the last 500 years and more, to hear of children and babes in arms in their hundreds being brought along to such an event and being used to 'sanitise' this defiance of the laws of God and of nature, was most distressing.

It was in such a state of mind I went to God's house. But it was there that God had a word for my soul!

The preacher at Kilskeery's service that day was Rev Larry Power, the minister in charge of the congregation during its time of vacancy. His text was Proverbs 21:30.

As is my invariable habit, as soon as the preacher announced his text, my mind and heart set about the examination and dissecting of it. In moments, I had three points noted down in the margin of my Bible. I was also giving attention to the preacher as he introduced his text. I might say, that he went on to preach a most encouraging, edifying and helpful message from the text. His sermon is to be heard **here**. It is well worth a listen in these trying and stressful days.

I fully concur with all Rev Power said that morning, but I would like to share with you the thoughts of my own heart that sprang from the words of this wonderful verse and that, in conjunction with the words of Mr Power, brought much comfort to my despairing soul that day.

First of all I recognise:

### I. REBELLION AGAINST THE LORD DOES HAPPEN!

The text does not say that man will not seek to conspire to overthrow the cause of God and His Christ! No, just that any such actions will not succeed.

**1. From earliest times, man has rebelled and conspired against the Lord.** The rebellion of the devil, born of his wicked ambition and deceit quickly spread to mankind via Adam's foolish and dreadful folly. Adam was led into sin by his wife. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat," Genesis 3:6. "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression," 1 Timothy 2:14. From these two spread out the dreadful virus of sin and rebellion. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," Romans 5:12.

Who can number the occasions when man defied God and sought to establish his will and flout God's rule! I believe that we can say that every misery that has befallen mankind has its origins in these acts of insurrection.

Shorter Catechism, Question 19: "What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?"

Answer: All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.

No, it cannot be said that man has never attempted to defy God and triumph over Him. But all his attempts have failed and solely resulted in furthering and deepening the misery and affliction that stem from sin.

**2. Man's rebellion has continued throughout the ages, despite his utter lack of success!** Never once was man's defiance of God rewarded by any measure of fruitful and favourable outcome. It has ever been the case that "when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth



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forth death," James 1:15. Ruin and death have ever followed on the heels of sin. "For the wages of sin is death," Romans 6:23.

I defy any one to show me an occasion when man benefited from his rebellion against God! It may be that for a time his insurgence bore some appearance of succeeding but it was but the mere 'appearance', 'the facade' of success! The "pleasures of sin" are but "for a season," Hebrews 11:25. Like the rich fool of Luke 12:16-21, men learn that their apparently lasting joys, born of sin, are doomed. "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Luke 12:20.

No, it is vain to imagine prosperity following confrontation with God and His laws. "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us," Psalm 2:1-3. Such action results in laughter and severe retaliation on the part of God. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." Psalm 2:4.

Let all learn that the lesson of history is that man cannot defy God and triumph!

**3. Sadly, mankind will continue to rebel against God until finally he brings upon his head God's wrath.** The history of this age will end in man's continuing disregard of God and His law, bringing upon his head the wrath of God at the return of Christ. The scene set before us in Revelation 6:17-20 is that of the climax of man's final attempt, in this age, to overthrow by rebellion, under the leadership of Antichrist, God's rule. "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth (the Roman or prophetic Earth), and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

This is the finale of man's rejection of God's rule and his attempt to supplant such with his own law.

Here is a fuller description of Christ's return in glorious victory. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh," Revelation 19:11-21.

I say that here is how the rebelliousness of mankind in this age will end but there is another age which



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follows, the Millennial Reign of Christ, in which man's sin is greatly suppressed but at the end of which the devil, the instigator and encourager of man's wickedness, will be released from the captivity in which he was placed at the the return of the Saviour in glory. During his captivity we are told that the devil was not able to deceive the nations of men and thereby promote rebellion. "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season," Revelation 20:1-3.

### **Millennial Reign**

During the 1000-year reign of Christ upon the earth, the devil will not be able to deceive the nations as he has done since the beginning. However, some men will of themselves continue their rebellion against God for the heart of man, without the devil's encouragement, produces sin. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9. The devil encourages and promotes sin amongst men, but the heart of man is the true fountain of his sin, so that even during the reign of Christ there will be those who oppose the Saviour. The Book of Zechariah, the chapters 12-14, deal with the final events in the area of Jerusalem before the return of Christ, His working of deliverance for his elect Israelites and what follows upon the earth during His millennial reign.

### **Verses**

I will assemble some verses in the chronology in which the events referred to in these verses will take place.

The events in and around Jerusalem which will immediately precede the Saviour's return.

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it," Zechariah 12:2-3.

"Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle," Zechariah 14:1-3. The nations are those which make up the ten kingdoms of Antichrist's empire.

### **The Saviour's return.**

"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south," Zechariah 14:4.

### **The salvation of the Jewish remnant left after Antichrist's persecution of them.**

"And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God." Zechariah 13:9.

"And I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, " Zechariah 12:4. "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall



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mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart. In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness,"

Zechariah 12:10-13:1.

### **The rule of Christ over the earth is established.**

"And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth," Zechariah 13:2-3.

"And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one," Zechariah 14:9.

### **Yet there will be those who defy the Saviour in those days.**

"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts," Zechariah 14:16-21.

Man's sin will be followed by direct divine justice but even so, so totally depraved is unregenerate man that such judgments will not deter him. "Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD," Isaiah 26:10.

The wickedness of unregenerate man, despite what he has seen of Christ's power, majesty and goodness, will finally surface at the millennial reign when Satan is released from the bottomless pit.

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever," Revelation 20:7-10.

Thus will end man's and Satan's rebellion and that in total and dreadful failure!

### **II. IT MUST BE STATED THAT MAN AND DEVILS WILL TRY THEIR HARDEST TO OVERTHROW GOD!**

They will employ wisdom, understanding and counsel against the LORD. Skill, intelligence and every form of conspiracy will be utilised in man's attempt to overthrow God and His rule.



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**1. History records that the greatest of men have been involved in the rebellion.** Surely that is hinted at by Paul when he says: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence," 1 Corinthians 1:26-29.

Those whom God has called to Himself and saved are termed, "the foolish things of the world . . . the weak things of the world . . . and base things of the world, and things which are despised." Whereas those not called of God and therefore actively engaged in resistance to God and His cause are called, the "wise men after the flesh", the "mighty", the "noble".

With regards 'worldly' attainments and accomplishments, the people of God are far behind the ungodly. Yes, we have had our Abrahams and Moses, our Davids and our Solomons, our Pauls and Peters, not to mention the scientists, the inventors, the philanthropists and godly reformers who have left their mark for good on this world, but they are very much in the minority. It is the Pharaohs, the Nebuchadnezzars, the Alexanders, the Caesars, the Napoleons and the Hitlers whom this world speaks of and admires. In recent times, laws have had to be passed in a number of nations to stop the glorification, the commemoration of Hitler and his infamous shame and even with such laws, there are tens of thousands who consider him a great man!

Yes, the array of 'stars' the devil can muster far outnumber, in the eyes of men, the personalities and exploits of those who are "on the Lord's side"!

**2. The majority has ever been with the devil.** I often think of that little verse in Acts where we have the outcome of Paul's attempts to warn the ship and its master of the danger of sailing out into the Mediterranean Sea. "And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives. Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul," Acts 27:10-11. That has ever been the reaction of men to the warnings of the gospel against rebellion. It most certainly was so in Noah's day. "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith," Hebrews 11:7. "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water," 1 Peter 3:20.

There can be no doubt as to who had the majority in Noah's day and I believe that such has ever been the pattern of man's response to the gospel warnings and calls for repentance and submission to God. The Saviour said: "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" Matthew 7:22. "Many" and that is many from amongst the professing Church! Combine that with the number of those who utterly refuse Christ and you see just how large is the number of the opponents.

Christ called His people, the "little flock" to which our heavenly Father will "give . . . the kingdom," Luke 12:32.

There is an alluding to the number of the redeemed compared to the number of the unredeemed in the Saviour's words in Matthew 7:13-14. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Peter warns us that "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of," 2 Peter 2:1-2.



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Yes, the road of rebellion is broad and "many there be which" travel it. The majority of mankind has ever been on the devil's side against the Lord.

### III. BUT DESPITE ALL THIS WE MUST EVER REMEMBER THAT THIS IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF OPPONENTS CANNOT CARRY THE DAY!

"There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD." How emphatic these words are! It does not say that "no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD" can succeed! That would be correct but the way the Holy Ghost states this truth is to clearly imply that it is really that every scheme of man is so doomed to failure from the beginning that it is as if it never was! "There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD." Man's attempts at rebellion are mere thoughts and ambitions without any real substance!

**1. Let me substantiate that claim.** The record of history, even man's biased accounts of the achievements of men, testify to the short-lived attempts of men to build a realm of non-compliance to God and His law.

Eliphaz the Temanite put it well. "He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise," Job 5:12. Nehemiah discovered the same truth amidst his trials. "And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work," Nehemiah 4:15. The enemies' wickedness "brought to nought." That says it all.

Hitler's sweeping advances across Europe were but a tide that carried him to his ignominious doom!

**2. Let me quote the plain declaration of the Lord of man's inevitable defeat.** "The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations," Psalm 33:11. And again, "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand," Proverbs 19:21.

The certainty of the Lord's control of all things is expressed as follows: "Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?" Lamentations 3:37. Nothing can happen outside of God's sovereign will. "The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations." Psalm 33:11.

Oh! How Satan and his hordes hate such truths as these!

### The Cross

**3. Nothing demonstrates this sovereignty better than the events surrounding Calvary.**

Was this not seen as the hour of man's victory against God and His Christ? I have often thought of the celebrations that went on in the homes of the chief priests and scribes who had sought to hound Christ to His death. How the mocking laughter, heard first at the cross amongst Christ's foes, would have swelled and increased in the evening hours of that dark day! But it was all "as the crackling of thorns under a pot," for "so is the laughter of the fool," Ecclesiastes 7:6.

Listen to the conclusion of the matter as stated by Peter. "The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses," Acts 3:13-15. The hand they raised against God and His Son did but stab themselves to the heart! So it has ever been.

**4. The eternal frustration of man's evil schemings against God is pictured clearly for us in prophecy.** There is a beautifully illustrative verse, which depicts just how man's realm of rebellion and defiance consisted of 'nothingness', given us in Daniel 2. There Daniel explains the dream that Nebuchadnezzar had and which was so inexplicable to him and his 'wise men', especially when he could not recall the details of



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the dream, only the dreadful troubling of his spirit when he awoke. "And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation. The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill," Daniel 2:1-5.

Daniel was given the meaning of the dream by the Lord, verse 19. He explains that the dream summarises the main developments in and around the land of Israel from the time of Nebuchadnezzar until the return of Christ. The return of Christ and the establishment of His earthly kingdom are explained in verses 34-36. "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king." This truth is repeated in verses 44 and 45.

May I just incidentally say that the kingdom that is set up here is not the gospel kingdom of Christ for it never destroyed the kingdoms of men but wrought a work whereby God "at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name," Acts 15:14. The kingdom of the Cesaers continued long after the ascension of Christ and earthly kingdoms continue their evil and anti-god posturing still. No, that referred to in Daniel 2:34-36 and 44-45 refers to the coming again of Christ when He shall commence the work of putting "down all rule and all authority and power," 1 Corinthians 15:24. The phrase "he shall have put down" means to "destroy" or "abolish". That did not take place when Christ came the first time but it will when He returns.

Now, to return to the point I was making about the "nothingness" of man's innumerable attempts at rebellion, I want you to notice the words used by the Holy Ghost and given to Daniel to describe the victory of Christ over the kingdoms of this world.

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth," Daniel 2:34-35.

The kingdoms of men, built by human ingenuity and strength and serving only to cater for his sinful pleasures, "became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them." Could you get a more telling or accurate description of the nothingness, the insignificance of man's achievements in defiance of God! All of man's attempts to establish a reign, an existence devoid of God will end as mere chaff!

### Victory

Prompted by the words of Rev Power that morning and my own embryonic meditations, which I have developed somewhat here, I left God's house seeing the terrible and wicked events in Belfast the day before in the light of the coming day of triumph for the cause of Christ and the "carrying away" of all man's wicked defiance.

It is not that the actions of the sodomites will not continue to cause grief and vexation to my soul but I learned afresh to ever bear in mind the ULTIMATE VICTORY of the gospel over the evil of man.



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"That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?" Job 20:5.

"That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath," Job 21:30.

"Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins," Psalm 7:9.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God," Psalm 9:17.

To these few texts from God's holy and infallible word we could add many, many more, all advertising the end of man's defiance and which are recorded, as is all Scripture, "for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope," Romans 15:4.

A dear friend, Mr Stephen Toms, sent me the following lines of a wonderful hymn and because it fits well with what I am trying to say, I am reproducing here as a suitable conclusion

*Hail to the Prince of life and peace  
Who holds the keys of death and hell;  
The spacious world unseen is His,  
And sovereign power becomes Him well.*

*In shame and torment once He died,  
But now He lives for evermore:  
Bow down, ye saints, around His seat,  
And all ye angel bands adore.*

*So live for ever, glorious Lord  
To crush Thy foes and guard Thy friends;  
While all the chosen tribes rejoice  
That Thy dominion never ends.*

*Worthy Thy hand to hold the keys,  
Guided by wisdom and by love;  
Worthy to rule o'er mortal life,  
O'er worlds below and worlds above*

*When death Thy servants shall invade,  
When powers of hell Thy church annoy,  
Controlled by Thee their rage shall help  
The cause they laboured to destroy.*

*For ever reign, victorious King:  
Wide through the world Thy Name be known:  
And call my longing soul to sing  
Sublimers anthems near Thy Throne.*

Philip Doddridge.

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