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THE  
LORD's Trumpet,  
Sounding an ALARM against  
SCOTLAND,  
By Warning of  
A Bloody SWORD;  
BEING

The Substance of a PREFACE and Two  
PROPHETICAL SERMONS, preached at  
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Isaiah lviii. 1. *Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, &c.*

Hosea vii. 1. *Set the trumpet to thy mouth; he shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.*

Joel ii. 1. *Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh; for it is nigh at hand.*

Amos iii. 8. *The lion hath roared, Who will not fear? the LORD GOD hath spoken, Who can but prophesy?*

Acts i. 19. *And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem, insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama. that is to say, the field of blood.*

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# P R E F A C E.

**T**HERE are many of you gathered here the day; ye had need to examine wherefore ye came here.—It is long since it hath been our desire to God to have you taken off our hand, and now he is near to grant us our desire. There is three or four things that I have to tell you this day; and the 1st is this, A bloody sword, a bloody sword, a bloody sword for thee, O Scotland, that shall reach the most part of you to the very heart. And the 2d is this, Many a mile shall ye travel in thee, O Scotland! and shall see nothing but waste places. The 3d is this, The fertilest places in thee, O Scotland! shall be waste as the mountains tops. And 4thly, the women with child in thee O Scotland! shall be dashed in pieces. And 5thly, there hath been many conventicles in thee, O Scotland! but e'er it be long God shall have a conventicle in thee, that shall make thee (Scotland) tremble Many a preaching hath God wared on thee, O Scotland! but e'er it be long, God's judgments shall be as frequent in Scotland as these precious meetings, wherein he sent forth his faithful servants to give faithful warning in his name of their hazard in apostatizing from God, and in breaking all his noble vows. God sent out a Welsh, a Cameron, a Cargill, and a Semple to preach to thee; but e'er long God shall preach to thee by a bloody sword. God shall not let a sentence of these men's words fall to the ground, that he sent out and commissioned to preach these things in his name. I say, God shall not let a sentence that he commanded them to speak to fall to the ground, but shall have its due accomplishment e'er long.

## S E R M O N I.

Matth. xxi. 38. *But when the husbandmen saw the Son, they said among themselves, This is the heir, come let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.*

**T**HIS that I have read unto you is *Scotland's* sin this day: if our king and nobles had our Lord Jesus Christ among them at *Edinburgh* the day, What would they do with him? They would even give him a pair of gallowses or worse, if they could devise it; for which he shall yoke, e'er long, with our king and nobles, and a part of unfaithful ministers as well as either *prelates* or *malignants* e'er it be long, all shall go together in thir lands.

Now in the text, There is *fruit* called for from thir husbandmen; what *fruit* is this! ye see it is *fruit* in season: this *fruit* is called for from thee, O *Scotland*, the day. This *fruit* is not such *fruit* as ye pay your rents with, corn or hay, or the like, that your hearts love well. Sirs, it is *fruit* in season: I'll tell you, sirs, the duties that God would have taken off your hands thirty or forty years ago in *Scotland*, whether preaching or praying, or any other spiritual duties, he will not take it off your hand to-day in *Scotland*; I say he will not take it off your hand nor mine either, now when so much of the saints blood hath gone to seal these truths, which we were all bound to own in *Scotland*, and in all these covenanted lands. Now, people of God, in *Scotland*, there is some of you looking me in the face the day, I appeal to your consciences whether it be true or no. Well, what *fruit* is this that is called for? It is faith and repentance, love to God and obedience to his revealed will, which

many of you ; yea, the most part of you are as great strangers to, as if ye had never heard this everlasting gospel preached unto you. Now people of God in *Scotland*, what are ye doing when such dreadful wrath is at the door in *Scotland*? He is not worth his room in *Scotland* the day, that prayeth not the half of his time, to see if he can prevent the dreadful wrath that is at your door coming on your poor mother-land. O sirs, ye must pray plowing, harrowing and shearing, ay and at all your labour, ay when ye are eating and drinking, going out and in, and at all your employments ; there was never more need than now. O that noble life we might have of communion with God, O sirs, it is he that makes heaven pleasant ; will ye long to be there, O people of GOD.

Now the words of the text, he would have fruit from you in this country-side, and from thee, O *Glenluce* ; he sent thee first a crumb, and then he sent thee many a faithful turn of his servants while they were on the mountains ; and now he hath sent me to thee this day, to bid thee pay him his fruit, and little hath he gotten from thee, O *Glenluce* ; for which he shall make many places waste in thee, O *Scotland*, e'er long ; but I'll tell you what is for your persecuted sufferers crowns, crowns of glory ye shall wear e'er long ; and a remnant of you shall be preserved in all the sad days that is coming on *Britain* and *Ireland*. Now, sirs, I have news to tell you, there is many of you had need to be making your testments, ye will not have long time to run upon the world some of you ; peace with God will be a good testment e'er long, sirs : for *Scotland* shall be drowned with blood e'er long ; and then in that fearful day of wrath that is coming on these harlot, apostate lands, for treachery and covenant-breaking with God ; the testimony of a good conscience will be a good feast when a bloody sword may be at your breast, then peace with God will help to make a good testment in that day ;

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read the 12th of the *Hebrews*, ver. 14. *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which none shall see the LORD.*—What kind of holiness is this, sirs? I'll tell you what it is, it is not such a measure of holiness as *Abraham*, *Moses*, or *David*, or any of these great worthies had; God will take less off your hands poor folk; it is holiness in design, that is the thing that God will approve of from you. It is not the stock of grace that ye have received that will do your turn; it is the thing that ye live in expectation of, and is longing for: ye may want many things, but ye may not want holiness: friends, ye may be blind, lame, poor in the world, dumb, contemptible, and reproached, and want many things, and yet come to heaven; but and ye want holiness, ye will never come there; take heed of those things I intreat you in such a day as this.

Now sirs, There are many of you come here the day out of several places; ye are all come here professing to be worshippers of God and living folk: but I am to lay by five or six sorts of folk that is but dead folk.

And, 1<sup>st</sup>, *Ye are dead folk that are ignorant of the saving way and device of salvation through the covenant of redemption, devised betwixt the Father and the Son from all eternity, ye are all dead folk that is such; ye are all ignorant of the case of the work of God in Scotland, ye are all dead folk.* I had rather have one of you sufferers that is bred at Christ's school in throw in *Glydsdale* yonder, than have an hundred of you to join with me: ye have no weight with God, no grace, no scholars at Christ's school, and therefore ye are but dead folk.

A 2<sup>d</sup> sort are, *Ye who are fair blossoming professors, but ye are but as whited tombs, as rotten as dead graves, and hath nothing but a profession, and knows not what the work of regeneration is; ye are dead folk, we must lay you by.*

A 3<sup>d</sup> sort are, *Ye who are plunging in the world, yet have no god but the world, that bears ay most sway in your hearts*: ye are but dead folk, sirs, we maun lay you by: any that would reprove you for your worldly-mindedness, or for your excessive covetousness. — O (say ye) we must labour for our living, would ye have us let our handy-labour alope? But, O fool that thou art, and worldmonger that thou art, hath not Christ answered thee in that 6<sup>th</sup> of *Matthew*, 33<sup>d</sup> verse, *Seek first the kingdom of heaven and the righteousness thereof, and all other things shall be added to you.* — O sirs! will ye lipen to God, and give him credit, and he will help you at all your work: and ye would once covenant with him, friends, and make him your own; I'll tell you what he would do for you, he would plow your land, sow your corn, and shear your corn, and sell your corn, and bring home your money: I'll tell you what he will do (friends) as it were to rock the cradle, if it were needful for you: he will condescend as low as ye desire him, but ye man once close with him, and that upon his own terms, and make a surrender of your hearts to him.

And a 4<sup>th</sup> sort that we man lay by as dead folk, and that is, *Your graceless young folk, and old profane folk, ye abuse your time that ye should serve God in*: ye meet together housefulls of you, dancing and leaping throw ether; young men and young women of you with your graceless wanton mirth, and your lusts burning strong within you, and ye think that ye have liberty to do this: ye will be angry if we call you adulterers or fornicators, God will account you so: and if ye get not repentance, ye are really serving the devil in your lusts, and these sinful courses. O sirs, is this a time for such a work? when God is threatening to lay poor *Scotland* desolate: ye should rather be mourning and crying to God for shelter in such a dreadful storm and sad days that he hath to bring about on these apostate backsliding covenant-breaking lands.

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A 5th sort of dead folk are, *You that hath gone with the storm, and hath complied and hath given your consent to the putting Christ out of poor Scotland by your bonding and testing against him: what are ye doing, sirs? if he marvellously prevent it not, I fear black popery e'er long: the pope is coming back to seek his pawn that he left in Scotland long ago, and ye are helping him well: I'll tell you more of it, sirs, if the Lord had not gotten three or four sacrifices of the blood of the saints in Scotland, we had all been bowing to stocks and stones the day, and to black idolatry; which was at Pentland, Bothwell and Airdsmoss: the blood of the saints hath given a testimony against the defections of all ranks in Scotland.* Our Lord's enemies hath not broken a pinning off, or dung a pin out of the work of God; but the blood of the saints hath run in throw and out throw, giving a testimony against all the usurpation which they have made upon our Lord's crown in *Scotland*, which speaks good news to us the day, and the posterity following: the generation that are yet to arise shall partake of the benefits of the suffering remnant in *Scotland*. Now old folk, what are ye doing? I fear the storm lay you by; and ye young folk, what are ye doing? will ye venture to close with him, lads and lasses in *Scotland*; and I will tell you news of it, the lads and lasses that hath followed him in this stormy blast, and hath laid down their lives for him; your eyes, sirs, shall see them on thrones, and crowns on their heads, and robes of glory, with harps and palms in their hands, as you may see in the *Revelation*, 7 chap. and 9th ver. And ye that are young folk in this country-side (if he call you to it) and if ye will venture to follow him in this stormy blast, and bidc by his back, and stick by his persecuted truths in *Scotland* the day. He will set you on thrones, and ye shall give in your judgment with him, when he shall judge the bloody king, and the bloody council and parliament, the bloody duke

of *York*, and our graceless prophane nobles and gentlemen, and graceless ministers of *Scotland*. O the graceless watchmen of *Scotland* is all dyed with the blood of the saints. O my heart trembles within me to think what is coming on the backsliding, foul-murdering ministers of *Scotland*: the children of the saints that shall out-live the captivity in the days that are coming, shall be ready to meet such ministers, and stone them with stones, as ye have it in *Zechariah* 13 chap. 4 ver. Therefore take heed what ye are doing, for there is as sad days coming as ever was in these lands; namely in thee, apostate *Scotland*, for thy perjury and apostacy. We have all cause to be afraid that he be about to transmit his vineyard to another nation, to better husbandmen that will give him his fruits better than we in *Scotland* have done. Now ye that are the people of God, I ken that ye will think this hard news; but yet I have this to tell you, although we have provoked him to remove his candlestick to another land, and he is threatening to do so for a while; but yet though there be wrath in his face, there is love in his heart; and he will return to thee, O *Scotland*; and there shall be as glorious days in thee, O *Scotland*, as ever was in the world, in despite of all his adversaries, both king, council and parliament, and profane malignants and prelates; yea, and all the defections of the people of God, shall not keep him away from making a visit to his poor persecuted friends in *Scotland* yet.

A 6th sort of dead folk are, Ye that want heart-holiness, although ye have a profession, yet ye are but light, wanton professors, unconcerned with the case of the time: I fear the devil is invested in many of you, boiling in your hearts lusts and idols: well, sirs, all the ministers in the world cannot help you in this case, it must be Christ that must do it, as he did to *Mary Magdalene*: for the devil is as really in many of you as he was in her. But I fear Christ hath quat  
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many of you, and given you a farewell-chap upon your heart that he is likely to reprove you no more, till he make his *fury rest upon you*: but, however, I have this to say, and remember that I have said it, Ye that want heart-holiness, the devil and ye shall come alike soon to heaven; if God be in heaven ye shall find this true that I have said to you; but I ken not what I have ado among you this day; for I can do no good among you; it seems the gospel is a sealed book to most part of professors in these lands; and in this generation: ye were all perjured in the beginning with complying with *prelacy*, and hearing these cursed *curates*, after ye had covenanted and sworn to God, and engaged yourselves in that covenanted work of reformation, and as long as ye mourn not for that sin as much as for whoredom, adultery, murder or stealing, the gospel will never do you good; I charge you to believe this, and ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to tell you these things in that day when God shall summon you before his tribunal; I leave these things upon you. But as for you the sufferers in *Scotland*, that God hath made choice of to give testimony for him, the poor lads and lasses in *Scotland*, that hath suffered for him, that he hath taken out to scaffolds, your petition is in the *Revelation*, 12 chap. 1 ver. *A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet*: the sufferers in *Scotland* hath gotten the world under their feet this day. If he charge any of you in this country-side to go out and suffer for him, deny him not; he has taken few out of *Carrick* or *Galloway* yet, but ye know not what he will do. And now, people of God, wait on patiently, and make conscience of dealing with him, for I have news to tell you; he will reach his hand on all the *malignants* e'er long; ay, he will cut off the remnant of them in *Scotland* e'er long, although they have said as in our text, *This is the heir, come let us kill him, and seize on his inheritance*. And if they

had our Lord in *Scotland* the day, they would certainly do so with him: But I'll tell you, God will cut off the posterity of them that are greatest enemies to our Lord, and their children shall wander, begging their bread, being destitute, and not having to cover their nakedness, and this shall be their punishment; our Lord shall not only overthrow them for the wrongs that they have done to him, but he shall set a mark of his displeasure on their posterity and generations to come: but for you, the poor broken hearted followers of Christ, to whom he hath given grace to follow him in this storm, I'll tell you grace is young glory at your first conversion. Our Lord gives you one end of his line, but he keeps the other in glory with himself, he will hale you all there at length, sirs. And now I charge you, meddle with none of these *bonds* or *tests*, for they will wrong you, look the 13 of the *Revelation*, it is the *mark of the beast*; the Scripture saith, they that worship the beast, and receive his mark in their forehead, or in their right-hand, *must have their portion in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone*. And now I charge you to take counsel at neither ministers nor professors, nor gentlemen nor nobles, for they will counsel you all the wrong gate. The blood of many a soul in *Scotland* shall be charged on them e'er it be long. For now our cursed nobles and gentles; yea, many ministers and professors is come that length in apostacy, that they will fear at nothing, they are altogether given up of God: you know what is said in the 2<sup>d</sup> epistle of *Paul* to *Timothy*, 3 chap 13 ver. *Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse*, while they are going on in their apostacy from and against God. The martyrs are going off the scaffolds singing and rejoicing and praising God, going to glory, leaving their testimony against all their wicked steps of defec-tion, by shedding of their innocent blood, and is laying *Scotland* and these lands in a sad case the day.

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Now sirs, when wrath is so near, I pray you to take notice what ye are doing; for e'er long, *Britain* and *Ireland* shall be overthrown with judgments, and drowned in blood; and ye shall be gathered together as flocks of sheep to hill-sides in a stormy night, and shall be overthrown with the wrath of God, which shall overthrow these lands, for the dreadful wrongs Christ hath gotten amongst us. And now I give you faithful warning, if ye perish, your blood shall be upon your own head. I assure you, e'er it be long, ye shall be made an *aceldama*, (*a field of blood*) and then two storms shall be on you at once. *First*, The wrath of God to cut you off, and awakened conscience within, and a *bloody sword* to take away your life, and I trow that shall be sore to bide. And now, O backsliding professors of *Scotland*, take heed how you have your graces in exercise, look that ye fail not of the grace of God in this sad day; and remember that a stock of grace will not do your turn, and I trow few of you hath that itself: therefore take heed what you are doing; for it is no small measure of wrath that is upon poor *Scotland* the day. The Spirit of conversion is restrained, the preaching of the gospel blasted, the Word of the Lord does no good; this bodes great wrath on *Scotland* this day, and all these lands. I'll tell you sirs, ye had need to heed your doings in such an hour of temptation, when so many professors are going with the storm: for there is nothing but immediate divine support out of heaven will hold you up in a stormy blast. A Christian that hath been a standing Christian these forty years, an hour's time of a fiery trial may lay them on their back, and deny Christ. This may make all of us tremble, fear, and be humble before the Lord. God save you from a sudden surprising temptation, of which there are many in our day in *Scotland*. But to the poor broken-hearted believer that resolves in his name and in his strength to stand through the storm, I have

news to tell you, Christ is as much bound to hold you up, as ye are bound to suffer for him, when ye are called to it: and all these that hath given a testimony for Christ these one and twenty years. is a large proof of it, and all of them young and old ha b been wonderfully holden up to the admiration of all on-lookers, even to some of the persecutors themselves, and all of them shall come in as witnesses against you that fled from the truth, or shall flee from it, and these shall be eternal standing witnesses against you: yea, I will tell you more, not one of you wicked unconcerned bodies, I say, not a drop of the saints blood which hath been shed in *Scotland* in this sad day of *Zion's* trouble, persecution and calamity, but it shall be required at your hands: ye are the murderers of the saints, and I trow there are many such in *Scotland* this day, both men and women, and rotten unconcerned ministers and professors, that God will sweep away e'er long in his anger, as well as a profane wicked king, wicked nobles, and prophane court-folk, kirkmen and prophane prelates, and all their false underlings, God shall make a fair riddance e'er long: God hasten it in his due time.

But I'll tell you first, the Lord's return to this land will be terrible, for the godly shall fall among the wicked, for our perjury and false dealing with him in his covenant: therefore make for it, for I give you fair warning the day; I pray you take the alarm, and I leave it upon you old folk, that is going o'er the brae, and dropping into eternity, and knows not where ye will take up your eternal lodging. O dreadful! what will become of you? dying and unreconciled with God.

Remember the word that I cited to you in the 12th of the *Hebrews*, *Without holiness none shall see the Lord* But yet poor broken-hearted believers (as I said to you before) it is not such a measure of holiness as *Enoch*, *Abraham*, *Moses* and *David*, or any of these worthies.

worthies had that he seeks from you: it is holiness in design, and to obey the device of salvation in the design of the gospel. And now take heed that ye double your diligence, and fail not of the grace of God in this dark hour of darknets that is coming, and is further to come on *Scotland*: for it is a very sad and dreadful prognostication from God, that at this juncture of time, the Lord hath almost blown out all the lights in *Scotland*. And now I leave it on you to mind the prisoners in *Scotland* the day, in all the prisons in *Scotland*, as ye will answer in the great day, and take a hearty lift with them in their sad distress.

And now, ye young folk, I leave it on you to make conscience in closing with him; O! say ye, we are young, and has time enough to repent; but I'll tell you, sirs, the Lord needs no other rod to chastise you with, but to let you live 30, or 40, or 60, or 70 years in this world; and then, if ye remain ignorant, he will cast you into hell, and therefore take heed to yourselves. And now, sirs, the Lord hastens to come, and he hath been crying to you in these lands (and namely to thee upfitten *Scotland*) to watch with him but one hour in his sufferings and temptations, but we have not done it: for which thou, O *Scotland* shall be made the butt of his wrath e'er long; but the other two lukewarm indifferent lands shall not escape, but shall drink off the dregs of the cup of his anger. But, indeed, the blood of the persecuted remnant that hath been shed to witness against defections for a testimony speaks best to thee, O *Scotland*, a remnant of thee shall escape; and shall be monuments of his mercy in all the floods of wrath that is coming on these lands; yea, a remnant in the other two lukewarm lands, that hath been sympathizing with his broken work shall escape; but I fear the number shall be few. And now, sirs, I leave these things upon you, and this sad word I have to tell you, that to a faithful minister about thirty years ago, a whole congregation was not so weighty as one professor is this

day. I fear the Lord hath said as in the 14<sup>th</sup> of *Jeremiah*, 11 ver. *Pray not for this people, them that dies, let them die, and them that are for the sword, to the sword, and them that are for the famine, to the famine, &c.* And God shall be avenged on these apostate lands, and namely upon the apostates of thee, O harlot *Scotland*, from the king to the beggar, no man shall escape. And therefore, O people of God, flee fast to your chambers, as ye have it in *Isaiah* xxvi. 20. for I fear there shall be no shelter e'er long.

*And I will tell you more, sirs, I fear e'er the storm go over, the day is coming in these lands, that a bloody scaffold will be thought a good shelter: therefore, people of God, believe these things, and lay them to heart, for ye shall meet with them e'er all be done: and now, people of God, I have this to tell you likewise, that ye should all mourn for and be concerned with, and that is, the enemies of God in Scotland had never gotten us broken and ruined as they have done, if they had not plowed with our own heifer: they have broken the kirk of God in Scotland, and destroyed us all by this sinful and idolatrous indulgence: but I'll tell you for all the craft they have learned with their master the devil to draw so many ministers and professors after them for a sinful shelter, God shall sweep them away in the deluge of his wrath that is at the door in thir lands, it shall sweep away both friends and foes: but yet I'll tell you, our Lord shall break them by a yoking of their own plough (for well can he do it) and he shall do it in Scotland e'er long: he will break them and ruin them so cleay that the remnant of Baal shall be hateful yet to be named in Scotland, or in any of these lands, I mean idolatry and all Romish wares shall be swept away with the blood of the saints that hath been shed, and is to be shed in Scotland, and in these covenanted lands e'er the storm go over, and before the Lord have done with us, and namely in thee, apostate Scotland.*

But yet glorious shall be the days that shall be in thee, O *Scotland*, in despite of devils and wicked

men, as in the despite of all the defections and backslidings of the backslidden people of God, they shall not be able to hinder it when the Lord shall return: and, therefore, people of God, I charge you to believe it, that he hath a mind to return; for it will help to hold up your fainting hearts in this bad storm that ye are to go throw. And now, sirs, I know it is neither right nor lawful for any minister in *Scotland*, or Christian to join with him in taking houses to preach in, and leave the fields. It were better for us all, sirs, to go to the fields in frost and snow until we were wet to the skin on our knees, e'er we bow to one of them, king or council or any of them; for I know that the Lord will never bless the labours of any that hath their liberty from them, whether minister or professor, but such ministers and professors shall be blasted, and their labours blasted and fruitless, if their souls be not in hazard, I sadly fear and am mistaken. This being the main head, that Christ our Lord is head of the church, and king in *Zion*, and this they deny on the matter, and if that be not dangerous and sad, judge ye, to consent to let Christ's crown go on the head of any king in the world, and this is the sin that shall ruin these three lands; no rank shall escape from the king to the beggar, ministers and professors, and all shall go with the judgment, for all have sinned for the most part, and have joined with sinful courses that we have taken to shun suffering; the Lord shall take these things and make them instruments and means to bring sad sufferings on us, and then we shall suffer with an evil conscience in the midst of the storm that is coming on; and I fear it shall be sadder nor I can speak of, or you think of at this time: and therefore, in the name of the Lord, I charge you to lay these things to heart, and mourn all of you before the Lord for the grievous sins of all ranks, from the greatest to the smallest, and labour to have a suitable weight upon your hearts before the  
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Lord, for God will have many a sad question to lay home to your consciences that we shall not be able to answer: for my part, I think happy are they that hath their eyes closed, and shall not see the evil that is coming on these nations. The Bible, the Word of God, can hardly give a parallel, neither the generations before, nor at this day can they parallel our sin; and therefore lay these things to heart. The churches abroad are hissing at us the day: and therefore I leave these things upon you, and the Lord bless them to you; for I fear that we shall all have to do with it before the storm go over, that we shall certainly meet with in these lands:

*Let us pray.*

## S E R M O N II.

Luke xxiv. 21. *But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel, &c.*

**W**HERE is the Kirk of God in *Scotland* the day? It is not among the great clergy folk? firs, I'll tell you where the kirk of God is, wherever there is a praying lass or lad at a dyke-side in *Scotland*, a praying party will ruin them, yet, firs, and a praying party shall go thro' the storm: but many of you in this country-side ye ken not these things; the weight of the broken kirk of God in *Scotland* never troubles you, the loss of a cow, or two-three of your beasts, or an ill market-day goes nearer your hearts nor all the troubles of the kirk of God in *Scotland*. Well then, thou poor body, that will resolve to follow him, pray fast, if there were but one of you, he will be the second; if there were but two of you our Lord will be the third; ye need not fear that ye shall want company, our Lord will be your company himself;



himself; he will condescend as low as ye like to you that will resolve to follow him in this stormy blast that is blowing upon this poor kirk in Scotland the day.

But there is some of you that is come here the day, the next day when ye cannot get a meeting of this kind, ye will run away to your hirelings again: take heed, sirs, do not mock God, this indulgence will lead you away from Christ as well as the curates. O the base drag the kirk is getting from many of the ministers in Scotland in our day. About thirty-six years ago our Lord had a great thick back of ministers and professors in Scotland, but one blast blew six hundred of our ministers from him at once, and they never came back to him again: yea, many lords and lairds, and ladies followed him then, but the wind of the storm blew the ladies gallantries in their eyes and their ears both, which put them both blind and deaf, that they never saw to follow Christ since, nor to hear his pleasant voice; the lords and lairds, and ladies were all blown over the brae. Alas! for the apostacy of nobles, gentles, ministers and professors in Scotland: Scotland e'er long shall run in streams of blood, yea, many of the saints blood shall yet be shed e'er long: but yet the blood of the saints shall be the seed of a glorious church in Scotland. O sirs, what are ye doing in this country-side? Christ's followers in throw in Clydsdale yonder, they have ventured fair for God, and hath given a great testimony, they have burnt the test, and the acts of the curs'd parliament. There was a poor widow in that country-side, as I came throw, that was worth many of you, and when she was asked how she did in this ill time: I do very well (says she) I get more good in one verse of the Bible now, nor I did in it all lang syne; He hath casten me the keys of the pantry door, and bids me take my fill: was not that a Christian indeed? O sirs, I would have you taking heed what ye are doing now, when the blood of the saints is running so fast.

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Now, sirs, the observation that I would have you to take home with you, is this, It is ay a poor body that God hath done a good turn for that will follow him in a storm. And now, people of God, ye ken this, *Mary Magdalene* that is here spoken of in this chapter, he cast a legion of devils out of her in a morning; I trow she never forgot that till she wan to glory. Think ye not but it was a fore heart that morning, when she missed him, and got a toom tomb an an empty grave? O what would ye have thought to have seen this poor woman running through the bands of soldiers? but that was not the thing that troubled her, neither the *Roman* guard that was about the grave, nor the heavy stone that was upon the grave's mouth, nor the charge, under the pain of death, that they should not touch the grave; na, na, sirs, love to God goes beyond all that; he was their Lord, and they dought not want him. The note that I would have taken with you, is this, An ye have gotten good of Jesus Christ, ye would through hell at the nearest to be at him. O sirs, them that hath suffered for Christ in *Scotland*, they ken this best the day, they got a stormy rough sea indeed, but a choice pleasanr shore, and the captain of their salvation to welcome them heartily home. O sirs, Christ had a whein noble worthies in *Scotland* not long ago, that fet the trumpet to their mouth, and gave fair warning in his name; he had a *Wellsb*, a *Camron*, a *Cargill*, and a *Wallwood*, a noble party of them proclaiming his name in *Scotland*. O sirs, if ye could be admitted to see and speak to them, they would tell you, That it is nothing to suffer for Christ; they are all glancing in glory now; they would flee you out of your wits to behold them with these white robes and glorious crowns, and palms in their hands. Follow fast if he call you to suffer for his name. But what shall I say? The most part of you knows nothing of this; ye that are lying in black nature, ye dought not  
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bide in heaven if ye were in it, ye would give a thousand worlds if ye had them to be out of it again.

*Well, sirs, I'll tell you news, happy they that's win cleanly through the storm since the year sixty, happy they (I say) that wan through at Pentland, Bothwell, and Airdsmoſs. Happy they that died on ſcaffolds, gibbets, or on the ſeas. O the blood of the ſaints will be the ſeed of the church in after-ages to come in Scotland. And I'll tell you more, ſirs, take heed what thought ye have of the ſufferers, look that ye have not the thought that they ſuffered wrong: entertain no jealousies or hard thoughts of the people of God's cauſe in their hard ſufferings: for them that hath won through the ſtorm, and is won through Jordan, hath gotten Jordan's ebb water, and is well won throw: but the miniſters and profeſſors in Scotland that are yet to go through the ſtorm (as well as the profane party) ſhall get a ſtormy ſea, and ſhall find Jordan's growing water, and ſhall find hard winning through.*

But to come to the words, I trow our Lord was blyth to hear this diſcourſe between theſe two poor men. There is many a man ſpears the gate they ken full well; think ye that our Lord was ignorant of this diſcourſe before he came to them? But he ſpears to try their zeal. I trow miſbelief was very ſtrong in them (as it is with many profeſſors in Scotland the day;) *We thought, ſaid they, that it was he that ſhould have reſtored the kingdom to Iſrael.* I trow many in Scotland is beginning to queſtion the work of reformation and the covenant which we ſwore with uplifted hands to God, whether it was the work of God; yea, or no.

The next thing that ye will queſtion is. Whether the work of God be real or no in your own boſom; take heed to your atheiſm, people of God. I'll tell you your atheiſm and your miſbelief will do you an ill turn, it will put you to queſtion the work of God in your own boſom, and that will not be good com-

pany in a storm that ye are likely to meet with e'er it be long in thir lands. Well, sirs; there is many a plough plowing in our Lord's acres the day in *Scotland*, but e'er long he will loose some of them, and cut their cords, and lay them by a while. Now, sirs, what is it that hath carried throw the sufferers for Christ these twenty-two years in *Scotland*? It is in the *Phil. iii. 10.* It is the filling up of Christ's sufferings in *Scotland*, together with the ancient decrees of heaven. For my part I seek no more if he bid me go: he bade so many from the 60th year to *Pentland*, go to scaffolds and gibbets for him: they sought no more but his commission, and went, and he carried them well throw: then in the 60th, at *Pentland*, he bade so many go to the fields and die for him, and so many to scaffolds, and lay down their lives for him, they sought no more but his commission, and went, and he carried them well throw. And then in the 79, at *Bothwell*, he bade so many go to the fields and scaffolds and die for him, they sought no more but his commission, and went: he bade so many go to the seas and be meat for the fishes for him, they sought no more but his commission and went. And then in the year 80, at *Airdsmoss*, he bade so many go to the fields and scaffolds for him, they sought no more but his commission, and went. This cup of suffering hath come all the way down from *Abel* to the 82 year in *Scotland*. Our Lord hath held this cup to all the sufferers heads wherever he had a kirk in the world, and all the martyrs hath tasted of this cup, and it will go to all the martyrs lips that will suffer for Christ even to the last trumpet sounding. But yet, people of God, it is but the brine that the saints taste of, but be ye patient in believing, for God shall make the wicked, his enemies and your persecutors in *Scotland*, wring out the the bitter dregs of this cup to all eternity, and to spue and fall, and rise no more. Believe it, our Master will set by this cup, and close and swallow

swallow up time in endless eternity, and blow that great trumpet, and then heaven and earth shall go to a red low at once. O long for that noble day, believers, for it will put an end to all your sad days, and suffering days. Persecuted people of God in *Scotland*, I remember a passage of a great emperor when he went over seas to battle, when he saw the numerous multitude of his enemies; their army was far more nor his army, he says to his general, What shall we do? their number is far greater than our's. Then answered his stout valiant general, We will fight (said he) under our enemy's colours, and vanquish them; and so they did. So let the noble sufferers in *Scotland* that suffer for Christ fight valiantly and couragiously under their persecutors shadow, and so they shall vanquish them. And, indeed, our noble captain of salvation, Jesus Christ, has vanquished these bloody persecutors in *Scotland* these 22 years) more by the patient suffering of the saints, and hath overcome them more gloriously, and hath triumphed more gloriously over them, than he had threshed them all down in a moment. I say the patient suffering of the blood of the saints, declares his glory much abroad in the world, and especially in thir lands. I remember as I came through the country, there was a poor widow woman, whose husband fell at *Bothwell*, when the bloody soldiers came to plunder her, and said. We will take all thou hast, and leave thee nothing, neither to put on thee nor in thee. I care not (said she) I'll not want so long as God is in the firmament: That was a believer in God indeed. Now, this *Mary Magdalene* that we spoke of before, What was she before Christ and she met? for as well as he loved her, we read in history, that before she and Christ met, she was a whore to the captain of the castle at *Jerusalem*. The note that I would have you observe is this, *That for as bad as this woman was, ye may see Christ sets his love on her, and would not want her, and now ye see she follows him*

*in a great storm; I would have you to take this home with you, That free grace is no broker of persons. Christ will not cast away the worst of you that is the saints that will follow him in a storm, he hath done you as good a turn as he did to Mary Magdalene, although you have not been as really possessed with the devil as she was, yet ye have had some grievous lusts and domineering idols that hath ragged within you, that he hath casten out or subdued, and helped you throw that hath sadly opprest you: therefore it concerns you now to follow him, and bide by his back, now in this stormy blast in Scotland the day.*

But what think ye of our great folk in *Scotland* at this time, our lords and lairds, and ladies? the storm soon beat them from Christ's back. I'll tell you what our great folk in *Scotland* is like, They are even like so many ladies going to sea in a calm day in a boat for their pleasure; but as long as the sea is calm and they see the ground, and no fear of hazard, they bid the boatman row out; but whenever the wind blows a little, and the waves begin a little to rise and swell, and they begin to lose sight of the ground, then they cry, Fy in to the shore again. Secondly, Our great folk in *Scotland*, both nobles, gentles, ministers and professors, and all ranks in *Scotland*, all followed our Lord at the back when the wind was fair, but whenever the storm began to blow upon our Lord's face, all quat his back for the most part, and made in to the next shore again. But and ye will wait on a while patiently, persecuted people of God, God shall be even with these blaidis all of them e'er long. O sirs, there is few *Uriah's* now in our days: worthy *Uriah* would not sleep in his bed when the ark of God was in the fields, and the people of God in the fields: there is few so now in our days, and so will be seen of it e'er all be done. I'll tell you, sirs, ease is never good for the kirk of God, and the people of God thrives ay best under saddest persecution; it hath  
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been the experience of the kirk and people of God in all ages. Worthy *David* play'd a sad sport one morning with his ease, it had been good for *David* that he had been in the fields that night: he not only committed adultery that morning and also murder; but he thought to have fathered his ill gotten bastard upon worthy *Uriah*; an ill turn makes ay way for another: it is so with our great clergy folk the day, vile apostates as they are. I warrant many of our great clergy folk, all the ill turns that they do, they father them ay all upon the Bible, and makes ay the Bible their warrand, the council and clergy all does this, even when they condemn the saints of God, and takes their lives for owning the cause and covenant of Jesus Christ, and for owning his kingly government in *Scotland*, which these miserable apostates hath taken from him, and consented that it should be taken from him this day in these lands. I say they will cast up the Bible in so doing, and will say they have their warrand from it, both council and prelates, and indulged; but they deceive themselves, and mocks the Lord in so doing, for which he shall be avenged on them e'er long. But I'll tell you how they do with the Bible, even as a shipmaster or shipcarpenter does with the great planks when they build a ship, they put them in the fire, and bows them to the use they would have them: but do not ye so, but let the Bible stand registrate as God hath set it; and for your warrand, look *Revelation* xxii. at the close, *He that addeth or diminisheth, &c.* See what sentence the Spirit of God puts on them. O that sad defection the want of the right observation of these things hath occasioned in *Scotland*, since the sad storm began to blow upon the poor church. O the many vile hypocrites the church of *Scotland* hath brought forth; they are mother-bairns but not father-bairns, vile bastards as they are, now tearing their mother's flesh with their hands, and O but that is unnatural like.

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I trow and any of us had our mother lying, it were more unkindly for us to run away and leave her, it were more kindly for us to stay and hold up her head while she were a dying. But, indeed, our ministers and professors hath not done so in *Scotland*, they have fled and left their dying mother, they have fled to other places for shelter, and fled in under indulgence, and fled to other nations under a pretence to preach the gospel; but the truth is, I am afraid that it be said by God at length, that it was for the back and the belly that many of them hath done so, and to shun suffering for Christ, for which they shall smart e'er all be done: there was work enough at home for them to have stayed at home with their dying mother. O secure *England* and *Ireland*, your day of vengeance hastens fast from the Lord.

*Well, you that are the sufferers for Christ in Scotland look what worthy David says, Psalm xvii. and last verse. David had as meikle wealth in the world (ease honours, pleasures, and a throne) as any of them hath, the Lord says to David, I have fetched you from keeping the ewes with young. I gave you pleasures, a throne, and a kingdom, and dominion over your enemies: and what would you have more, says God to David? It is true, Lord, says David, I have received all that, but all that is not my portion: I will not give a goat-horn for it all in comparison of that noble satisfaction I shall have in the morning of the resurrection when I awake I shall be satisfied with thy likeness. Some sufferers for Christ, ye shall have a bony encouragement in spite of them all: up your hearts with the faith of believing these things. The poor believing persecuted kirk in Scotland is now a sick patient under Christ's hand. But, O blessed shall they be that shall be privileged to be sharers of the blessed reformation: that glorious work of reformation of that man-child which this sick travailing woman shall bring forth*



*forth. O we long to live to see these glorious days that shall be in thee, O Scotland, e'er it be long. Once Scotland sent out her glory to all lands round about. Now she sits as a widow, and few to take her by the hand: but yet her husband will not forsake her, but will yet return again to Scotland, and he shall send out her glory to all lands round about, and more gloriously than ever she formerly did.*

But now, sirs, in the next place, the note that I would have you to take home with you is this, A poor believer gets never a bonnier blink of Jesus Christ nor when the cross lies heaviest between their shoulders, for suffering is the ready way to glory, and this is the experience of all the cloud of witnesses that hath suffered for Christ can testify: and therefore, faint not in the way for what bloody adversaries can do to you. Now people of God in *Scotland*, there is another thing that I have to tell you, and that is this, I would have you to get preservatives, for ye walk in a pestilentious air, and are nearer unto hazard nor ye are aware of. If any of you were going throw a city where the plague were hot, ye would seek something to be a preservative to put in your mouths and noses to keep you from being infected with the smell. There will be need of this in *Scotland* e'er long sirs. I know ye think me but a fool for saying things, but I man tell you this in the name of the Lord, who sent me this day to tell you these things, that e'er it be long, the living shall not be able to bury the dead in thee, O *Scotland*, and many a mile shall ye go and ride, and shall not see a firehouse, but ruinous wastes for the quarrel of a broken covenant, and wrongs done to the Son of God in *Scotland*; and then the testimony of a good conscience will be a good feast in that day.

But now people of God, the preservative that I would have you to get against that woful day, is in that second epistle of *Peter*, iii. chap. 18. ver. *But*

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grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. And I trow that will be a noble preservative. Now people of God in *Scotland*, I have good news to tell you, but it is only to you that is the godly; if once he love you, he will never change you. But wicked folk, break not your neck on this, and yet you that are the people of God, be not too forward on suffering, except that ye be sure that he call you to it. O saith *Peter, Master, I will die for thee.* *Peter* was too forward; Stay man, say Christ, till once I bid thee: and I trow *Peter* got the breadth of his back to learn him more wit in time to come. The thing that I would have you to observe is this, That nothing less than a fall will humble a presumptuous professor: therefore be humble all of you before the Lord. The apostle says, *Beware, take heed:* so I say, *Beware, take heed the day.* There is many a little ferry-boat going through *Scotland.* Take heed, people of God that ye go not aboard in them, for they will sink you. There is likewise many cross winds to blow you off Christ's shore: but if ye would wait patiently, persecuted people of God, the Lord is about to raise a northern blast on these blades that shall raise them off their creeks, and loose their plough that is plowing deep in our Lord's acres in *Scotland.*

Now these ministers that is fallen silent at this sinful blast of the sinful command of these sinful magistrates, tell them, people of God, that they have consented fully to take Christ's crown off his head, and set it upon the head of a profane man: put them to it either to own their ministry, or to renounce it, now when it is come to this push in *Scotland*; and now, sirs, if any of you would bide by Jesus Christ in this storm, try how ye have covenanted with him, and how ye have closed the bargain with him, and upon what terms: but I trow there is many of you in this age, that is like young dast folk that runs fast together, and marries, but never lays their account how they

they will keep house, but presently they fall to beggary and poverty: I trow it falls out to be so with many of you that is the professors in this generation: ye take up your religion, and ye wot not how, and ye cannot give an account how ye came by it. I'll tell you, sirs, ye will bide by Christ's back no longer than a storm blow, then ye will quat his back, and deny his cause: ye had need to take heed to this, it will ruin your souls in the end of the day. But I will tell you more, sirs, the right way in covenanting with God is, when Christ and the believer first meets, our Lord gives him his laws and his statutes, and he charges him not to quat a hoof, no, and ye should be torn in a thousand pieces, and the right covenanter says, *Amen*. O but, you people of God (like fools) would have your stock in your own hand, but and ye had it, ye would soon debush it, as your old father *Adam* did; *Adam* got once his stock in his own hand, but he soon played it at the copy-hole one morning with the devil at two or three throws of the game; he lost you all that is his posterity. But now our blessed Second ADAM hath our stock in guiding, and he tutors it better, he will give you but as ye have need of it, people of God, in groats, sixpences, and shillings. But and he fetch any of you to the gallows for him, he will give you dollars in your hands, ye shall not need to fear, he will bear your charges to the full.

Now ye in this country-side, e'er it be long, ye will all be charged to go and hear these cursed curates, and when ye are charged to go there, look the vth of the *Galatians*, 19 and 20 verses; I say look to that scripture well, and think with yourselves that day (poor lads and lasses in this country-side) that such a fool as I have told you it, that going to hear these profane hirelings, would take you to hell as soon as idolatry, adultery, witchcraft, or any of these sins which is named in that place I have cited to you. But now, persecuted people of God, fear not at the cross, for

it is the way to the crown; trouble and suffering hath always been the lot of the saints, and began as soon as grace did. *Abel* first hanfelt the cross, and many hath followed since, and obtained the crown.

And now, people of God, What are ye doing? the *Pope* and *Papists* at *Rome* are rejoicing and burning bonfires: they are rejoicing that *Britain* and *Ireland* is coming home again to their ancient mother-church as they call themselves. What are ye doing, people of God? O for such a party to pray as *Esther* and her maidens, that was a bloody decree too, as there is many now in *Scotland*. Now, people of God, beware of dipping with the wicked party; for, if you do it, it will be hard for you to retract again: for these cursed time serving clergymen, when once they join with the enemies, and run in defection with them, the devil learns them so many cursed shifts to defend their knavery, that hardly a conviction can reach them, and so they go on, and many of them will go to the pit in this age. And now, people of God in *Scotland*, What are ye doing? O pray fast; but I will tell you, though ye should pray none, yet the church of Christ in *Scotland* shall be delivered: the groaning of the saints and the sighing of the prisoners, and the innocent blood of his people; the cries of many widows and fatherless in *Scotland*, and the reproaches of the persecuted party in *Scotland* will put him to arise; the trampling of his glory, the renting of his crown violently from his head, will put him to arise.

O that there were a praying party now to wrestle with him: and O that old and young would deal with him to arise: and O that he would give us such a proof of his love as he gave to his people *Israel* in *Egypt*: ye know he chole out *Moses* to tend down to *Egypt* to deliver his kirk. *Moses* had no will to go; No; says *Moses*, I am not eloquent. Na, saith the Lord, Go tell them, I AM hath sent you: Well, says

says *Moses*, that will not do the turn, they will not believe me: says the Lord again to him, Tell them by the Name of GOD ALMIGHTY I appeared to their fathers *Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*, but by my name JEHOVAH I was not made known to them; that is a new name I have given you of my self, and as I have given you that new name that I never gave to none before, so, tell my people in *Egypt*, that before they be not delivered, I will do that I never did before since the creation of the world. Now the meaning of the word JEHOVAH in the original tongue is, *I the Eternal God from all Eternity*. Now, I am the Eternal God, and shall be to all eternity the same. But I ken some of you has heavy thoughts here, if this can be applicable to *Scotland's* case the day; yes, sirs, as the Lord lives, or he have not *Scotland* delivered, he will work a miracle that he wrought not before, who lives to see it.

Now, sirs, would ye know, if ye be right sympathizers with the broken-work of God in *Scotland*, ye must try if it be your heavy thoughts when ye lie down and when ye arise, and all the day long, as ye go out and when ye come in: if it be so, it is a good mark: ye ken *Nehemiah*, when he was with the captives at *Babylon*, they were coming and going between *Jerusalem* and *Babylon* in two's and three's, with sad and sorry hearts for the desolations of the kirk of God: the honest man got a grip of one or two of them in a morning, and when they told him of the desolation of *Jerusalem*, and of the place where their fathers praised God; and how the walls of *Jerusalem* was broken down, and the gates thereof burnt with fire, and the remnant of the Lord's people in great reproach, and contempt, and affliction: it put his pleasures far from him, and both meat and drink for a good while as ye may see *Nehemiah* chap i. 3. and 4 verses. Now sirs, there was a great number went out of *Egypt* with the kirk, a mixed multitude following

ing to the red sea: Wherefore was it? it was because they had seen many miracles in *Egypt*, but they went not over *Jordan*, but fell in the wilderness, and died for their sins: their hearts was not right with God, as many of this generation is. I warrand you our Lord had a thick back in *Scotland* about thirty or forty years ago, of ministers and professors when the day was fair; but when the storm began to blow, Christ's back grew very thin: the ministers left him and fled in to the *indulgence* under the enemies wings for shelter; and many professors followed them for ease and love to the back and the belly. But wait on, people of God, a little, and God shall give them a rouse e'er long: but I fear, when God comes to call the roll of *Scotland*, that he find many blanks, dead ministers and dead professors, dead men and women, though going on their feet.

Now sirs, as I said before, that if ye will follow him in this stormy blast, be humble and much denied to your own things, for a proud professor nothing less nor a fall will do his turn. And, now sirs, take heed what ye are doing, for it is a strange time we live in (so to speak) it is hard keeping touches with God, now when he is travelling up and down several shires in *Scotland*, and saying to this man and that woman, Go seal my truths with your blood. He hath taken few out of the shires of *Galloway* or *Carrick* to a scaffold to witness for him yet, I think we should be counted with the rest of the kingdom, and yet ye ken not what is coming. I pray you, if he come to seek a testimony from any of you, deny him not, for he denied none of you that is the elect, when ye were between the tining and the winning.

And now, sirs, I leave these truths on all of you: I dare not for my very soul flatter with you, not knowing how soon ye and I both may be cited before the tribunal of God. And now I charge you to join with none of these time-serving hireling ministers,  
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and that cursed supremacy that they stand on, for it will ruin them. And now I pray you take heed when there is so much error going thro' the land, wrestle with God to keep you straight and stedfast, adhering in your judgments and your hearts to the covenanted work of reformation: and as for these indulged ministers, although they preach some truths, yet the Spirit of the Lord follows not what they preach to bless it, for what they speak from the Word is not reasonable nor living truths in denying times, such as these are, and which our times are fallen in.

And now, people of God, I have this to tell you, and so I leave you, That there is as glorious days coming to *Scotland* yet, as ever was, and that the children of the persecuted captivity shall be the beginning of a glorious kirk yet in *Scotland*, and shall be so zealous for the reproached truths of God, that they shall be ready, if they meet these ministers that hath betrayed the work of God; I say they shall be ready to stone them with stones, and that shall be made out in *Zechariah* xiii. 4. That they shall not wear a rough garment to deceive any more as now they have done in *Scotland*, and in all these lands. And now the Lord himself bless these things unto you, and make you stedfast that you be not led away with the apostacy of the time; and these time-serving ministers, that *Demas* like, hath forsaken the way of the Lord, and embraced the present world.

Now the Lord himself make you consider these things, and fasten a conviction of them upon your hearts, that ye may be watchful and stedfast to the day of his coming.

*Now unto the Lord, who is able to keep you from falling, be everlasting praise. Amen.*

*A Prediction by Mr. Richard Cameron, being a Passage of a Sermon, preached at the Grasswater-side, south from Cumnock, July 20th, 1680, 18teen days before his death.*

**T**HERE are three or four things that I have to tell you this day, which I must not omit, because I will be but a breakfast some hour or another, to the enemy, and my work will be finished, and my time both.

The *First* is this, As for king *Charles*, who is now upon the throne, after his death, there shall not be a crowned king of the name of *Stuart* in *Scotland*.

A *second* thing, There shall not be an old covenanters head above the ground, that swore these covenants with uplifted hands in *Scotland*, e'er ye get the reformation set up in *Scotland*.

A *third* thing, a man shall ride a summer-day's journey within the shire of *Air*, and shall not see a house reek, or a cock crow, e'er ye get reformation; and several other shires in *Scotland* shall be as ill.

A *fourth* thing, The rod that the Lord will make instruments of, shall be the *French*, and the *French* king, together with a party in this land joining with them; but ye that stand to the Testimony in that day, be not discouraged at the fewness of your number; when Christ comes to set up his work in *Scotland*, he will not want men anew to work for him; yea, he will chap upon the greatest man in all *Scotland*, and he will be the greatest *Malignant* in it, and he will say, Sir, let alone this *Babel* building, for I have another piece of work to put in your hand; and he will gar him work whether he will or not: It may be that he will convert the man, and give him his soul for a prey; and there is many of you that is my hearers this day, that shall live and see these things accomplish'd. And after these desolations are over, ye shall see the noblemen and gentlemens houses ruined, so that the nettles will be growing out of both their bedchambers, or ye die, and the memory and posterity of them shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.