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## SABBATH READINGS.

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### DAVID'S LAST PRAYER.

"And let the whole earth be filled with his glory, Amen and Amen. The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended."—PSALMS.

He had strung his pure lyre to many melting themes. He had invoked the blessing of God on his family, his empire, and the world, and now comes his closing orison in the vesper hour of his declining life. David longed not so much for the extension of his own temporal sovereignty as for the diffusion of the gospel of Christ, the expected Messiah and his own lineal descendant after the flesh. Looking over the earth he beheld it filled with the habitations of cruelty, saw it reeking with lust and avarice and cruelty, its grass reddened with the gore of passion, and its blue sky overclouded with the exhalation of the pit to which humanity had sunk in its revolt from God. But hope springs immortal in the human breast, and another vision gladdened his bosom in alternate sway. Like Abraham, he saw afar off one of the days of the Son of Man, and rejoiced at its sunrise, for it was the day-spring from on high. High above the hills of time, and casting a halo of glory on their summit, what is that which moves along on its sapphire wheels, and who is he that guides it? It is indeed the Saviour of mankind, and he is borne upon the chariot of salvation, kindling the firmament with his face and advancing to the goal of his final supremacy. Satan falls from heaven like lightning, and his power over the hearts and affections of the human race is broken like the reed when it snaps in a giant's hand. Peace and Fraternity, and Love and Truth now go forth as sowers, to cast the immortal seed of their principles abroad the world whereon human hearts are found and are waiting for the reception of the germs of holiness. Every form of error and misbelief, every political organization which conflicts in its laws with the principles of light and love, every hierarchy, however splendidly endowed and munificently patronized, melt away before that searching glance of Christ, as the fogs are dissipated from the mountain by the sun which beams into the chasms in its side, and paramount over all the kingdom of Jesus rules and reigns. This was the vision which gladdened the eyes of Judah's greatest king when those eyes were about to be sealed in the sepulchre and to close forever on the pageantry of his court and crown. His own fortunes as they were to be perpetuated in the person of his coming descendants he could not foresee, for God appears to have hidden from his servant what would have embittered his closing hours. The dissolution of a kingdom his own hands had fabricated, and the subsequent subjugation of his race, he did not contemplate in the mirror of prescience. The gauze was drawn over its face and the happy veil of ignorance enshrouded it. He left Solomon to the guidance of those fundamental principles which, if followed, would strengthen, and if repudiated would conversely weaken and ruin forever the mightiest sovereignty, though bristling bayonets upheld it, and navies formed the ramparts of its defence. The fortunes of the house of Israel were left unsolved for him to determine, and how kind was God thus to relieve his dying servant from the knowledge of what would have agonized his peaceful and tranquil spirit now waiting its dismissal from the flesh. But all that could gladden his soul, all that could encourage and animate his bosom was fully granted him. When Christ and his triumphs were to be exhibited, the gauze was removed from the mirror of his prescience, and the veil was rent in twain. That mirror then became a primitive lens, and the colors of the rainbow were flung in lavish profusion on the coming years of time. It was almost too much for his frame to bear, but he sustained the pressure of that weight of coming glory and exclaimed in rapture, Blessed be his glorious name forever, and let all the earth be filled with his glory; let it roll its affluent waves over an impoverished world; let it fill every crevice of the globe; let it permeate heathendom till darkness is but a forgotten name; let it spread in widening circles till it has clasped humanity at large, and let me be lost and immersed and overwhelmed in the ocean tide of its supremacy. Yes, let the whole earth be filled with his glory, Amen and Amen. What an endorsement was this of the sincerity and honesty of his prayer. In that double Amen we see the full heart of the dying Christian and measure the depth of his concern for the advancement of pure Christianity in the earth. We behold how little is his care for his own coming fortunes so far as they are to be worked out by his posterity, compared with his profound interest in the fortunes, so to speak, of the cross of Christ. Not that he is not desirous of the continued advancement of his descendants, for one of our strongest instincts is the wish not to be dishonored by the actions of those who may bear our name when we are dust, but that his heart trembles most for the ask of God. If in his closing moments of existence it is not his experience that the future welfare of the Church which Christ hath purchased with his blood, is more a subject of quickening interest than any selfish project or private end and aim then the evidence of his adoption as a believer is far from clear and the Spirit can bear but a feeble witness to his sonship in the beloved. For let us observe that David regards this prayer of his as paramount to every antecedent request that had issued from his lips, and as surpassing them all in magnitude. Just on the verge of heaven as he was, and ready to give up all worldly concerns for the glory that excelleth, he could not exchange the mortal for immortality and earth for blessedness without melting down every human hope and interest in the golden crucible of his love for Christ. His whole soul became one live coal from the altar and in the pure incense of his devotion that soul escaped to heaven. One last glowing prayer from the church militant below and the prayers of the son of Jesse were indeed ended. In that prayer as in a chariot of fire he was conveyed to the realms of exalted praise and saw that king in his beauty whose triumphs as an advancing conqueror he had prayed for with his expiring breath, as the boon of all others to be sought by a sinner saved by the grace which that conqueror brought to him.

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| $100,600 | United States 6 per cent Loan | $97,606 00 |
| 75,000 | " 6 per ct Loan 5-20s | 75,000 00 |
| 20,000 | " " 1881 | 22,000 00 |
| 50,000 | " 7 3-10 pr ct Tr Nts | 53,250 00 |
| 100,000 | State of Penna. 5 per cent Loan | 100,997 50 |
| 54,000 | " 6 per cent " | 57,880 00 |
| 123,050 | Philadelphia City 6 per ct Loan | 127,526 00 |
| 30,000 | State of Tennessee 5 per ct Loan | 15,000 00 |
| 20,000 | Pennsylvania Railroad first mortgage 6-per cent. bonds.. | 22,300 |
| 50,000 | Pennsylvania Railroad second mortgage 6-per cent. bonds.. | 53,250 |
| 15,000 | 300 shares stock Germantown Gas Company, principal and interest guaranteed by the city of Philadelphia..... | 15,000 |
| 5,000 | 100 shares Stock Pennsylvania Railroad Company..... | 7,225 |
| 5,000 | 100 shares Stock North Pennsylvania Railroad Company | 2,650 |
| 21,000 | United States Treasury Certificates of indebtedness..... | 21,420 |
| 123,700 | Loans on Bonds and Mortgage, amply secured..... | 123,700 |
| $791,750 | par. cost, $768,737 12—market value..... | 794,200 50 |
| | Real Estate..... | 36,363 35 |
| | Bills Receivable for insurances made ..... | 107,917 16 |
| | Balances due at Agencies—premiums on Marine Policies, accrued interest, and other debts due the Company..... | 28,919 87 |
| | Scrip and Stock of sundry Insurance and other Companies, $5,863. Estimated value | 3,205 80 |
| | Cash, on deposit with United States Government, subject to ten days' call..... $80,000 00 | |
| | Cash, in Banks..... 38,558 39 | |
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