

*"And he showed me a pure river of Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the Tree of Life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him: And **they shall see His Face**; and His Name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them Light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And he said unto me, 'These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show unto His servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the Prophecy of this Book.'" **Revelation 22:1-7 KJV***



Why do the faithful find present trials so burdensome, but refuse to rejoice in the reality of eternal facts? We recount our latest pain with gusto, but hardly mention the “*joy that is set before us*”; as if it was some myth or legend; a childhood story or fairytale. Here are the facts: “*a pure river of water of life: the tree of life: no more curse: no more night: the Throne of God*”: the faithful “**SHALL SEE HIS FACE: they will serve their God: and they shall reign for ever and ever!**” Not myth, fairytale, or legend, but beautiful eternal Truth! The faithful find their path wearisome, because they refuse to look up and see the view from the Celestial Mountains. The Holy City lies just across the river and our Lord waits to ferry us across. True faith has no doubt. Perhaps a cloud, a stone, or hole encountered on the journey may seek to encumber its delightful conclusion. “*It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*” I can hear the wedding bells of the New Jerusalem and the noise of the throng that as it prepares for the “*marriage supper of the Lamb!*” Soon, all the faithful will hear the clarion call to its commencement and they will, with one accord, throw their crowns at His feet and declare with single deafening voice, “*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created!*” The cherubims will echo in harmonious refrain, “*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come!*” These things “*must shortly be done.*” Jesus said, “*Behold, I come quickly!*”

Saints trudge forlorn along life's path,
 So soon forgot the Truth they have,
 They need but lift faith's blissful stare,
 To find full Joy beyond compare! ~CGP

Follow the Voice of Truth in your heart and soul. It is your Good Shepherd leading you to Eternal green Pastures. Don't let little foxes of desire spoil your vines of obedience or stones of doubt trip your thoughts. Let the Spirit of Truth guide you at all times. The faithful live by faith in fact, not hope in hype! Follow His Voice and you'll see His Face!

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that Day." 2 Timothy 1:12 KJV