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great building is its most honourable hour. It was a  
great honour to have seen the dedication of Solomon’s  
temple: how much greater this? Blessed is he who  
attains to this honour! It is said afterwards, “ Blessed  
and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection ”  
(xx. 4). But this is a glory preceding that. They who  
attain to a place at this wedding-feast obtain, I suppose,  
assuredly a place in the kingdom, as the greater includes  
the less. But not all, I believe, who reign as kings  
during the millennium are adjudged worthy to be pre-  
sent here.  
There appears to be a reference in this to the pro-  
mise made to the last of the churches. “I will come  
in to him, and sup with him, and he shall sup with  
me” (iti. 20).  
  
9. ‘And he saith to me, These are the true sayings of God.  
10. “ And I fell before his feet to worship him : and he saith unto  
me, ‘See thou doit not: Iam a fellow-servant of thee and of thy  
brethren that have the witness of Jesus: worship God: for the  
witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’ ”’  
  
To what extent shall we apply the words, “ These  
are the true sayings of God?” Does it refer only to  
the last announcement of the Lamb’s marriage-supper,  
or to the view of Babylon’s overthrow? I think that  
it refers to the supper, and is designed to stir up our  
hearts to desire and seek a place at it. What is requi-  
site in order to obtain a place at that solemnity, is not  
named here. But the parable of the Ten Virgins  
shows.  
Thrice is especial attention attracted to parts of this  
revelation by words of the same import: where the  
final blessedness of the inhabitants of the new world is  
celebrated (xxi. 5), and where the glorious lot of the  
denizens of the heavenly city is described. xxi. 6.  
These other examples, then, may enable us to see that  
  
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