**CHAPTER** **35**

*The joyful flourishing of Christ’s kingdom: in his church shall be a holy and secure way.*

**1** The land that was desolate and impassable shall be glad, and the wilderness shall rejoice, and shall flourish like the lily.

**2** It shall bud forth and blossom, and shall rejoice with joy and praise: the glory of Libanus is given to it: the beauty of Carmel, and Saron, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the beauty of our God.

**3** Strengthen ye the feeble hands, and confirm the weak knees.

**4** Say to the fainthearted: Take courage, and fear not: behold your God will bring the revenge of recompense: God himself will come and will save you.

**5** Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

**6** Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall be free: for waters are broken out in the desert, and streams in the wilderness.

**7** And that which was dry land, shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. In the dens where dragons dwelt before, shall rise up the verdure of the reed and the bulrush.

**8** And a path and a way shall be there, and it shall be called the holy way: the unclean shall not pass over it, and this shall be unto you a straight way, so that fools shall not err therein.

**9** No lion shall be there, nor shall any mischievous beast go up by it, nor be found there: but they shall walk there that shall be delivered.

**10** And the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and shall come into Sion with praise, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.