

THE REIGNING CHRIST

SUBSTANCE OF A SERMON

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"For He must reign, till He hath put all His enemies under His feet."—8 Corinthians xv., 25.

OUR theme is that of the reigning Christ. The assumption of Paul, when he wrote these words, was that Christ was reigning. As he wrote, the world was under the iron heel of Rome; but he saw above and higher than the throne of Cæsar another Throne; and above Cæsar himself, another King, one Jesus.

Paul's vision was not that of Christ removed from activity, and passively waiting for some crisis in the economy of God. His vision of Christ was of Him actively reigning, and so reigning as to bring in a crisis, and bring in a consummation. Immediately preceding the words of my text, he wrote,

"Then cometh the end, when He shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power."

This vision of Christ as reigning, in the case of Paul, was the result of his discovery on the Damascene road of the fact that Jesus was risen and alive. Until that day of matchless wonder in his life, the Cross of Jesus had been in the thinking of Paul, the fitting, appropriate, and poetic ending to the career of an impostor. But when that day he found that the Crucified was actually alive, that He could appear to him, and speak to him in his own language there on that highway, call him by his own