

DAVID who refused a magnificent gift day, the people gratefully remembered the threshing-floor of Araunah. The altar and its sacrifice had robbed a plague of power. And Araunah himself had the greatest cause for rejoicing; he might have been dead had not salvation come to his house. Thus even in the twilight ages preceding the coming of Christ, God endeavoured to prepare His people for the glorious Gospel of His salvation. Man's happiness would be eternally linked with an altar, for there the power of sin would be defeated, his own safety be assured, and songs of praise would instinctively arise from his heart. When the news of David's altar spread through the land, suffering people obtained new hope, and it was more than likely that many of them left their homes in search of healing. And if that were the case, they foreshadowed a great host who in the fullness of time sought shelter in the shadow of Calvary's cross.

I take, O Cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the Cross.

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