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FOREWORD

IN the City of God, on a commanding hill whence one may look forth over all the kingdoms of the universe, there stands the church universal. Sometimes, as I have wandered down its majestic aisles, it seemed to exist for me alone. Therefore, I sought a secluded chapel and worshipped in silence there. Again, I felt myself to be one of myriads who had gathered from all quarters of the universe. Anon, the vast throngs worshipped in music only—the hearts and voices of vast choirs of men and women sang glad hymns to their Maker. At other times, people from various nations gathered with their kinsmen to worship in their mother tongue. The wonder of it all was the number and variety of those worshipping

groups, assembled there in unity of spirit. I wandered from group to group and from chapel to chapel. As I walked, the walls and columns seemed to rise and grow before me, so that I found no end; and interior after interior opened in the soft distance. If I stepped out into the joyous light of day, I still seemed to be within the walls. Moreover, the whole scene varied from time to time, as I reascended the heights to the great Church.

At length I learned that there were no outer walls about that Church, that its scenes varied as my inner state altered. This discovery led to another, that wherever in all the worlds of God a soul sends its thoughts aloft to the Father it enters that Church. The various groups I had wandered among were worshipping nations, assembled in their fatherlands. But, more than this, scattered souls, vast distances apart, worshipped the unity there—so I

learned. Then I knew that any one could there find congenial spirits, however their outward circumstances and beliefs might differ. To my joy I also understood at last how I, too, could minister and be ministered unto. The visible church which I had sought I need not longer seek. For in that vast Church of God I found a chapel where a group of fellow-men gladly gathered to listen, when I would speak. Hence the discourses which follow, some of which I have also given in visible churches, here on earth.

