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THE DAY OF JUBILEE

How beauteous on the mountains,
The feet of him that brings,
Like streams from living fountains,
Good tidings of good things;
That publisheth salvation,
And jubilee release,
To every tribe and nation,
God's reign of joy and peace!

Lift up thy voice, O watchman!
And shout, from Zion's towers,
Thy hallelujah chorus,---
"The victory is ours!"
The Lord shall build up Zion
In glory and renown,
And Jesus, Judah's lion,
Shall wear his rightful crown.

Break forth in hymns of gladness;
Oh waste Jerusalem!
Let songs, instead of sadness,
Thy jubilee proclaim;
The Lord, in strength victorious,
Upon thy foes hath trod;
Behold, O earth! the glorious
Salvation of our God!

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THE FEAST OF THE YEAR OF JUBILEE....Seems to have been an expansion of the sabbatic year, or rather the observance of every seventh sabbatic year with increased solemnity, and on a scale of enlarged liberality. The exact meaning of the Hebrew word JUBEL, from which JUBILEE is derived, is by no means certain. Calmet deduces it from the Hebrew verb HOBEL, --to recall, to bring back, because at the year of jubilee landed estates which had been sold or mortgaged were brought back to their original owners.

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