

"And God shall wipe out all tears from their eyes. And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away": Rev. 21; 4. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him": Rev. 22; 3. What varied, and inconceivable good will flow from such entire hatred of evil. The cares and anxieties incident to the present state no more distress the happy conqueror. God has wiped away every tear, and dried all sorrow. They have no toilsome days, nor wearisome nights; the head will never ache nor the heart never throb; pain and sickness are unknown; here are no withered forms; all are happy beings, vigorous with immortal health, and clothed with celestial loveliness. On earth the loveliest fade like the flower, but the flower that fades on earth if once transplanted to heaven will never fade again, but will bloom through everlasting ages in that beauty that fadeth not away. When this corruption shall put on incorruption, and this mortality put on immortality, death will be swallowed up in victory and the triumph of the redeemed will be complete. I will ransom them, saith the Lord, from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O, death I will be thy plague!—O, grave I will be thy destruction! Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. There shall be no more death; no more will that last enemy torment the children of God by his reproach, nor will they ever again dread his power. The state of the blest in heaven, is a state of perfect safety: this world is a scene of danger, of frequent conflict in all its changes, and in all its movements temptation is found. Prosperity tempts the soul to love the world; adversity to repine at the dealings of God. Youth and age, poverty and wealth, health and sickness all have temptations peculiar to themselves, and even the zealous discharge of christian duties and the possession of elevated christian graces may be connected with those odious sins, self-righteousness and pride, and thus in every circumstance temptation may exist, the great enemy of God and man, like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. But in heaven no inward corruption disturbs the soul; no anger, shame, or ambition is ever felt; no more temptation to harass the redeemed. They left danger and sin behind when they left the precincts of mortality. No, tempter.

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