

child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain." A marvellous change! But the language is metaphorical, you say. Perhaps; but metaphorical or literal, it pictures a marvellous improvement to be brought about by the Gospel of Christ.

3. Nay, more; it will lift the curse from the very *ground*. "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; briars and thistles will it bring forth." Man's sin has impoverished the very soil on which he treads; and in proportion as man will recover his holiness will the ground recover its fertility. The best manure for the soil is—goodness in the hearts of its cultivators. A period of great fruitfulness is predicted, when a harvest of wheat will be gathered on the tops of the mountains. When? When holiness will be inscribed on the bridles of the horses. Christianity is the infallible panacea for all the maladies of the world, spiritual, intellectual, and physical. Many medicines are advertised in the present day, and each one is recommended as a cure for all the ills to which flesh is heir; and reading the advertisement columns of the newspapers, one wonders that there is any sickness, or death either, in the world. But I may say with confidence of the Gospel that it is the universal remedy—"it heals all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Yea, it will also deliver the earth from its groanings and travail, and make it share in the joy of the children of God. Oh! glorious day, when will it come?