

this place of torment" and "Abraham saith unto him they have Moses and the Prophets let them hear them." So it ever was and is, man would have a way of salvation different from God's. God's way was to hear "Moses and the Prophets;" the rich man's was "if one went unto them from the dead they will repent." And men are yet choosing their own way, they will not submit to God's way—the cross of Christ. Refusing to come unto the fountain of living waters, they hew out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water, indifferent to the awful fact that they are going down into the "pit wherein is no water." Men are not saved by seeing or hearing spirits. They are saved by *hearing and believing* God's Word.—Rom. x. 17.

We have then in this narrative in Luke, conscious existence, identity, remembrance, recognition, and interchange of communications in the disembodied state, conveying the most positive assurance to us that should the Lord tarry and we fall asleep, we shall join our loved ones, who went before; shall see and know them, holding holy converse, waiting with them and all the blessed dead, the resurrection morn and Bridal of the Lamb.

If then the disembodied state is one of such blessedness and felicity in the Lord's presence, how incomparably greater will be the joy of the resurrection, when with bodies of beauty and glory, "fashioned like unto His glorious body," we shall give glory to God, Christ in our midst, Himself leading His Church in songs of adoration.

We have seen then from Scripture that we will enjoy the blessedness of knowing each other in that