

"That Death is sudden which comes upon a man unprovided to die—but he who has his loins girt and is always prepared to meet his end, cannot die suddenly—an unpremeditated is the worst of deaths, and therefore it highly concerns all persons, let their age be what it may, to look upon every hour of life to be their last."

"Wise and admirable was the reply which Messo-damus made to one of his friends, who invited him the next day to dinner. 'Why invite me for to-morrow?' said he, 'I never durst, for many years past, assure myself that I should live till to-morrow—I am *every hour* in expectation of Death.' He is not sufficiently prepared to die who is not *always* prepared."

"God has created us for pleasure rather than for labour—but we must not mistake the time and place—our joys and delights are reserved for *eternity*, and therefore we must not expect them *here*. He has appointed this life to be a state of trial and discipline in order that we may prepare ourselves for the next, and be made worthy to be partakers of that fulness of joy which is in His presence, and of those pleasures which are at His right hand for evermore."

"*Eternity*"—"When a thousand thousand millions of years are past and gone there are still as many more to come, and when these are past there remains still a greater number—and when these are likewise gone the end is still as far off as it was at first."

"*The reward of Eternal Life*."—"The life which the saints enjoy above, is life indeed. Consider it either as *animal*, as *human*, as *angelic*, as *divine*, it is perfect. The memory is blest with an entire remembrance of all