

atmosphere will no longer be the vehicle of noxious vapors, storms, and tempests, scattering fevers, and other raging diseases. The seasons will be so tempered and modified, as to be all utility and nothing abhorrent. The earth will no longer present shapeless, unsightly and horrifying aspects, or be cursed with barren deserts and morasses. Desolating earthquakes and flaming volcanoes will no longer threaten to swallow up, or consume the quiet resident. Sin, sorrow, pain, and death will be banished this transcendent paradise. There will be no more sea; but as in the old paradise, there may be beautiful, pure, and translucent meandering rivers and streams, to variegate the scenery, and to invigorate its productions.

And more than all, Jesus will dwell among them; and the happy inhabitants will be blessed with the perpetual vision of God. They will have a fair prospect into the holiest—they will see him that sitteth upon the throne. They will know God in a manner they cannot know him here: and enjoy him in a supereminent degree, far surpassing present experience, or present conceptions. Christ will be the mirror to reflect the glory of God, and the medium through which we shall discover it. Show us the Father, said Phillip, and we will be satisfied and delighted. Thou hast seen me, said Christ, and he who has had right conceptions of my character, has seen the Father in me. We discover, says the Apostle, the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Thus we all, even in this life, as with open face, behold as in a glass