

I WILL COME AGAIN.

(JOHN XIV).

NOTHING is more prominently brought forward in the New Testament than the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. This was the first comfort of the angels to the sorrowing disciples: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." (Act. i. 11). And if you turn to the first of Thessalonians, you will find it presented in the end of every chapter as a common doctrine.

It was not at all a strange thing—immediately after conversion to the living God—"to wait for His Son from heaven, * * even Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come." Again, in Hebrews ix we read "But now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. * * * and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." In the fifth of Thessalonians it is presented in the way of warning, as well as the object of the blessed hope of the saints: "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

From this we see the amazing difference between the coming of Christ for this world, and for those who trust in Him. To the world He comes as a judge of both quick and dead; (see Malachi); but in the

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