

The plaudits of Heaven must fall with pleasing accents on the ears of the faithful. Are we not authorised to believe that the worthy judge himself will say to such a one, I saw thee in yonder world when surrounded by its snares ; I beheld thee opposed by satan and enticed to sin ; and in the hour and power of darkness, thou hadst to maintain a sore conflict ; but, thou didst stand firm, according to thy baptismal engagement ; thou hast well done ; thou hast acted the part of a faithful servant ; and of a good soldier ; thou hast obtained the victory ; I remember thy work of faith, and labour of love ; come up hither ; enter into the mansions of the Blessed ; and wear this crown of unfading glory as a token of the approbation with which I have viewed thy humble, loving, obedient, patient, zealous, and persevering conduct while in a state of trial.—Angels catch the approving sound, and hail with fraternal and holy delight one who receives the honour that cometh of God.

As a crown is a token of dominion, so the Saints are represented as kings and priests unto God. The faithful and true witness hath said, to him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me on my throne ; and it is a faithful saying, if we suffer with him we shall also reign with him ; nor is it right to conceive that the crown of the Christian is a mere sign of empty honour, unconnected with that, of which it is a pledge ; nor shall we find it difficult to believe ; that as the Holy Angels are ministering spirits to the heirs of Salvation, and some of them have been designated Princes of certain districts of this world, Daniel 10, 13 & 12, 1. so the righteous may be called to reign and exert a holy influence over other worlds that have been, or shall be called into existence ; for though we are not acquainted with the inhabitants of any other sphere, it is not unreasonable that he who made this world in six days, has made many worlds besides it, to the glory of him, who worketh all things