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Thus ancient and wide the belief in that closing scene in this world's awful tragedy. I would not risk the doubting or disbeliving of it, for if it should never come, to have beheld it will do me no harm; and if it comes, as come it will, to have disbelieved, it would find me "all unprepared to meet Him."

When we turn up the side of the subject on which "Rewards" is inscribed, be it observed that everything heretofore advanced as to the righteous judgments of God is a guarantee that rewards shall be just as certainly distributed by the unerring Judge as penalties. The justice of God makes one just as secure as the other. As for the present, "In keeping of Thy commandments is great reward " (Ps. 19.) Every act of obedience carries its own reward. "The cup of cold water given to a disciple shall in no wise lose its reward," but be regarded as done to Christ Himself, "Whatsoever good thing that any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." In one comprehensive prayer St. Paul embraces both worlds, and the

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