

This is what we look for ; this is our watchword and our song even in the day of absence and sorrow ; and it is this that makes the expected morning so truly a morning of joy. "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness : I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness." Psalm xvii. 15.—B.

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"For we must all appear (be manifested) before the judgment seat of Christ ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." 2 Cor. v. 10. This is just after He comes and takes us home. It is a manifestation. We must all be manifested. The examining judge "both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts." It is for christians only. No sinner will be there. And persons are not judged, but works. Christ will sit in his judgment-seat, but not as a judge in a criminal court. It will be more like a judge at a fair, or in a contest, or over a school examination where prizes and rewards are given. The eternal destiny of those whose works are being examined is not determined by or at this judgment, but their worthiness or unworthiness to receive crowns of "righteousness," "glory," or "life," is decided.—C. K.

The material world is not only furnished with all that is necessary to supply the means of subsistence and crowded with objects to stimu-

late thought and feed contemplation, but teems everywhere with forms and colors to excite, nourish, and sublimate that sentiment for the beautiful which is implanted within us.—Our highest enjoyment is in admiration, and admiration implies beauty ; and the beneficent Creator has given us beauty with a lavish hand. Beauty is everywhere. It is in the heavens above. The clouds, with unremitting labor assuming forms in endless variety and hues of every shade, charm our vision more and more as we gaze. It is in every orb that sparkles in the immeasurable azure overhead, it comes streaming down upon us as a soul-uplifting element. It is in all the productions of the earth. It is in every leaf of the forest, every stately tree, every blade and flower of the field. It is in every living creature. As the Creator is everywhere, beauty is ubiquitous, it is the refulgent costume of the Infinite.



Beware of Bible commentators who are unwilling to take God's words just as they stand. The first commentator of that kind was the Devil in the Garden of Eden. He proposed only a slight change—just the word 'not' to be inserted—'ye shall not surely die.' The amendment was accepted and the world was lost. Satan is repeating that sort of commentary with every generation of hearers. He insists that God could not have meant just what He said.—To begin with, Satan induced one foolish woman to accept his exegesis ; now he has theological professors who are of his opinion on these points.