

death which was a part of the curse of sin, into the means of our highest blessing : the death of Christ was to prove our life : it was to transform death, our condemnation, into the precious means of our entrance on life Eternal.

And when the sins of men had multiplied on the earth, and it pleased the Almighty, in the fierceness of his wrath, to sweep away the millions, perhaps, of an unnumbered population with a desolating flood—preserving on its surface only eight persons—righteous Noah and his family—snatched from the wide spreading destruction—was not the same lesson still taught? The awfulness of death so terribly multiplied around bid them with peculiar energy remember their own death, from which they were now preserved by the same waters which brought it nigh to the whole human race besides, in order that they might the better prepare for it as the blessed period of their entrance to glory.

Were the Israelites rescued from Egypt by the right hand of God, passing safely through the floods that overwhelmed their enemies? Were they led about in the wilderness and miraculously feed? Were they bid to look forward to the fair land of promise as their future happy abode? In all these things the *temporal* comfort or deliverance of His people was comparatively a small part of Jehovah's design: the grand purpose was to produce in them a holy solemnity of mind which should lead them habitually to regard these things as pointing to that solemn day which should complete their rescue from sin; extricate them from a worse wilderness; and admit them, if faithful to God, into a far happier Canaan. The whole system of propitiatory offerings as instituted by Divine appointment was directed to the same great end. Daily as the bleeding sacrifices were laid upon the altar they taught the worshippers of the Almighty to think of their great antitype, that blessed "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world," and who, by his own death was to surround that period, otherwise so mournful with a halo of light and glory—to transform him who has gene-

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