

into joy, and will comfort them, and make them to rejoice from their sorrow." The righteous and faithful servant of the Lord, has also these and other divine promises as to his dying hours :— "The Lord will strengthen him on the bed of languishing." "The righteous hath hope in his death." "Precious in the sight of God is the death of His saints."

But infinitely beyond, and richer than all temporal blessings and enjoyments, are the eternal glories and happiness, which the Lord, in his faithful word, has so frequently promised to bestow in His heavenly kingdom, on all those who have, until death, faithfully continued to love and to serve him. To these he has promised to change their "vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body," and further, has said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life;"—"The righteous shall shine forth as the sun, in the kingdom of their Father;"—"The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Now, on the other hand, a few Scripture announcements may be given, as to the guilt and danger of neglecting to seek and obtain "the spirit of Christ," and thereby remaining in an unregenerate state, and consequently under the displeasure of God while here, and hereafter experiencing eternal wrath and punishment for that neglect, and for disobedience to His revealed will and commands. Let all such neglectful and disobedient characters deeply meditate on the following, and many similar passages of the inspired and immutable Word :—"Except a man be born of water, and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God;"—"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;"—The word *escape*, in this last passage, evidently means an escape from condemnation and punishment, at the decreed final judgment and retribution, when God "will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained," and will make an everlasting separation between those who have received and retained "the spirit of Christ" and "whose names are in the Lamb's book of life," and those who have not been born of that spirit, and obtained the "wedding garment," but have neglected to ask and receive it. They have thus