

its vision in the dark cloud, and hope had powerlessly folded up her wings until the hour of deliverance. But, nevertheless, faith and hope were *there within the cloud*, as the humble and unobtrusive piety of her past life had given us the token, and we doubt not they have now obtained their fruition before the throne of God.

How comfortable and reviving then is this *truth*, that the body which we commit to the dust, shall be restored to life again, that this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality, under all the trials and afflictions of the present state! Who that properly understands and believes it, but must reckon with the apostle, "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed. In what glowing colors do the sacred scriptures describe the happiness of believers at the great day of Christ's appearing, when the last trumpet shall sound, when the dead shall be raised from their graves, and their vile bodies shall be fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body—when these two intimate companions, the soul and body, shall be joined together again in immortal union, and the redeemed of the Lord in their complete natures shall take possession of the kingdom prepared for them before the foundation of the world. Such are the cheering hopes which the gospel inspires; such the animating prospects of immortality, and how admirably fitted, when cordially believed, to soothe the soul in its deepest sorrow! But the gospel which informs us that the souls of the righteous do at death immediately pass into glory, that is, into a state of inconceivable bliss—into the society of angels and spirits of just men made perfect, into the immediate presence of God and the Redeemer—likewise declares that the souls of the wicked shall descend into the prison of hell, into the company of devils and wicked spirits like themselves, there to await their final and everlasting doom. They too shall be raised incorruptible, though not in glory. They too shall be raised in power; but that power shall only