

It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men, and the living will lay it to heart.

Let us weep with those that weep; and let our prayers also be in their calamities.

Let us also try to improve this solemn moment for the benefit for our immortal souls: - How impressive that awful man is created after God's image ~~He is the~~ <sup>des</sup> God of this world: and yet we have to bring another to the cold narrow ignominious grave!

.. This mystery is solved by God's word. God is not a tyrant. our original destination and ability was to know and to love God, and to live for ever with Him: -

... our Crown is fallen; By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin: destruction is the fruit of sin, by the Law of nature and God's moral law. - If it was done with us by death; we would welcome easily that short moment of destruction after the enjoyment of life. - - - But dust returns to dust, and the spirit unto God Who gave it: to give an account of deeds words and thoughts: - The rule of judgment there will be our Creator's law, "To love God above all and our fellowmen as our selves: and cursed is he, says ~~Old~~ <sup>our</sup> God, who lives not up to this beneficial eternal constitution of the world: - ; <sup>swirls</sup> for the depraved human race fallen from its origin in Adam; for us guilty sinners, wanderers, by our corrupted nature for from <sup>our</sup> maker, the sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. - Who can free himself from sin, and from the curse of law? We can not make sin undone: We can not atone for sin: even by the strongest resolutions of our will, we cannot change our corrupted hearts and fill them with delight in and love towards God. -

our rescue must come from God: God did not spare  
his own Son: The son of God became a member  
of the great human family; became to be Adam<sup>as a surety</sup> <sup>Christ</sup>  
that taketh away the sin of the world, by paying the  
penalty of the Law, that Whosoever believeth in Him  
shall not perish, but have everlasting life: He became  
a curse that we might be free, He died that mankind might  
live: The sting of death struck deep into the heart  
of the dying Saviour. He exhausted the penalty,  
and satisfied the Law: and this death lost all  
its strength to hurt those Who by faith are one  
with Christ that second <sup>Adam</sup> <sup>Christ</sup> <sup>the 2<sup>d</sup></sup> <sup>second</sup> moral  
moral creation built upon the moral ruins of  
the Human race: For believers it is all restored  
in Christ, what was destroyed and lost in Adam.  
According to their <sup>then</sup> enjoy here already the fruits  
thereof they have peace with God, and their love becomes  
much <sup>than</sup> forgiven: The grave and the powers of dark-  
ness struggled to hold fast the Lion of the tribe of  
Judah: but He burst the bars asunder. He came  
out triumphing: and the Father did declare  
all to be free of the power of death, Who are One  
with his beloved Son <sup>Christ</sup> <sup>by</sup> <sup>faith</sup>: The full  
manifestation of the triumph of this Prince  
of life and ale his believers, his spiritual  
body will come forth in that great day, When  
He shall come on the clouds of heaven, When  
the <sup>countless</sup> dead are called before his  
final judgment: then shall death and grave

be swallowed up in victory.

The sting of our death has lost its power, if our  
Sins are pardoned by faith in Christ; then  
may pain, sickness, infirmity, and death  
here remain yet a time: their character is  
changed, it is not now the curse of the Law  
which Christ did bear; it are now only ways  
and means to a heavenly eternal life, and  
then we bury at the grave our Sins ~~and~~<sup>and</sup>  
misery and villainy in the hope of that  
bright Resurrection Morning.

Our great business is here to secure an in-  
terest in J.C. and in his triumphs by faith: think  
on it the Scripture says "He that believeth not,  
is condemned already; the wrath of God remains  
upon him: God has We see it here my friend time  
of preparation is short: we have here a solemn  
warning voice. There must be wrought a union  
of faith with Christ. There you must have again  
a delight in your creator: - but you have no knowledge  
of the truth, no delight in heavenly work and thoughts  
if you are strange to prayer and heavenly conversation  
are you prepared then for heavenly enjoyments?  
may God spare you all from a hopeless death  
and a judgment without an advocate in Christ.  
Seek then the Lord before it is too late.

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