

theologians. It is harder to wrestle with these questions, to draw solid, Scripturally based inferences.

Of some things, however, we may be certain. We know that we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him even as He is, when He shall be revealed at His Coming. We know that, in the New Jerusalem, there shall be no more tears, or crying, for the former things will have passed away. We know that, although now we see through a glass, darkly, then we shall know, even as we are known. And we know that the One who does all things for His glory and our good, will do all things well. And so we may approach the Intermediate State with hope, trust, and firm confidence, knowing that Christ has removed the sting of death, and that to depart from this life and to be with Christ is far better. And we may know that, if we are savingly united to Christ, the life beyond this life is richer, fuller, happier, and infinitely more satisfying than anything which we have known!