

My Dear Cousin Sarah,

You will perhaps hardly credit me when I say, I love you, and have an interest in your present and eternal welfare, - when, I have so long neglected you, I see now, that I have left my duty to others, because Mai and Mother wrote, I thought it not worth while for me to write.

You and cousin Jane both love the Lord and are striving to keep his commandments, but do you want to see him? Would you love to have him come and stand upon this earth in glory, as he once stood upon it in his humiliation? His precious blood is upon its soil, the footprints of his feet are there, it has drank his tears, he has breathed its air, and will he leave it to perish? We turn to Ephesians 1:14 and find that there is to be a "redemption of the purchased possession"; - a bringing back of the earth, from its groaning state, to that of Eden. The earth was cursed under the first Adam, {Gen 3:17} and the dominion of it was taken from man, but when the second Adam, {our Christ} comes again, the curse will be removed, {Rev 22:3} and the last rule restored to man, "we shall reign on the earth", is a part

... of his coming

of the song of the redeemed, {Rev 5: 9, 10} {See also Isan 7: 18, 22
273 until a very short period back, the church, almost
without a dissenting voice, were watching for the Parousia
and praying for his return, - his personal return to earth.

But now, they point not with eager fingers, they
look not with longing, expectant eyes to the coming
of the Lord, as the period of their deliverance and reward
they expect to receive all that is promised at death.

But, you will find, my dear cousin, upon scanning
the word, that our inheritance, our stations in the
kingdom, our crown of life that fadeth not away, our
rewards, are all to be given at the second coming of
the Saviour, "When the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall
receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away," {1 Pet. 5: 4} -

When his glory is revealed we are to be glad, {1 Pet. 4: 13}
And Paul says to Timothy, "Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall
give me at that day, and not to me only, but to all
them also that love his appearing" {2 Tim. 4: 8}

Jesus says "Behold I come as a thief, Blessed is he that
watcheth" {Rev 16: 15} If we are dead at the time of his
coming, we are to be raised to immortality and incorrup-
tion - if living, we are to be changed, and caught up with
the rapture, to meet the Lord in the air, {See 1 Cor. 15: 51}

When he comes as a thief he is to take those who are
looking for him into "the chambers", the resurrected ones enter
also with the living - {Daniel 12: 17, 20, 21} When the indig-
nation is over, or nearly so they come with him in the clouds
For the Lord is to come and all his saints with him, when every
eye shall see him, you see, dear cousin, that those who
love his appearing are blessed, are given the crown, and oh
may you have this grace also given unto you - May you learn
to wait - how as your dearest friend - "Love them that love you
but will he appear the second time without us into salvation?"
Watch! Be ready! We are in love
Reverend