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The future begins now. What we shall be to-morrow depends on what we are to-day.

What a man sows, that will he reap. If he lives—and goes on living—a life of self-indulgence, he can look forward only to the empty old age of the burned out sensualist. If he is content to be one of the crowd— “no worse than anybody else”, as he might say—he will rob himself of power to grow, and sink into worthless mediocrity.

And what comes after? The Bible says that “he that sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption”, —and it means what it says. With the decay of the body comes nothingness, for that is what death is.

The man who aims high has the satisfaction of having done his best, of possessing the love of his family and the respect of his friends, but the bitterness of death still mocks his endeavours and makes a waste of all his labours.

But for the man who learns to know God, and to rest on His promises and to follow His ways, there is a very different prospect. It is said that “he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life”. Those who follow that course are received by God as His sons and daughters. They will belong to the age that is coming when God will reign as King, one Lord over all the earth.

If that is to be our future, something must happen now. In the words of Jesus, we must be “born again”. We had no choice when we were born naturally with our human instincts and desires, but we can choose to enter on a new kind of life with God’s help through baptism. Then we can look forward to the full unfading life of His Kingdom on earth.

Jesus preached the "Good News" of this Kingdom; he said	Many... shall sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of God. Matthew 8:11; Luke 13:28-29
To set up that Kingdom the Lord Jesus, who is now in heaven, will come again	This same Jesus... shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go Acts 1:11
	The Lord shall send Jesus Christ... (in) the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets. Acts 3:20-21
Of those who belong to him in that age, Jesus says	Neither can they die any more; for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36
Christ's Kingdom will be universal	And there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom that all people, nations and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:14
At last God Himself will reign supreme	For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet... And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. 1 Corinthians 15:25-28

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