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All these classes are to find their eternal inheritance  
in the lake of fire and brimstone. The theory of the  
final salvation of man and devils finds no place in  
Scripture. Damnation, as well as salvation, is part of  
the Gospel message. It says not that the wicked are to  
suffer a thousand years, and after that to be brought  
forth purified. The door shuts on a view of their sin  
and their endless punishment, after the new heavens  
and earth are presented to us.  
The place of final punishment is not a prison, but a  
lake. This is not according to humanideas. It is the  
awful contrast to the portion of the blest. fire stands  
opposed to water; a pool to a fountain, life to death.  
The one quenches the thirst: the other heats it to  
intolerable fury. The rich man, as a separate spirit,  
asked a drop of water to cool his tongue. His thirst  
and anguish will be increased, when his body is re-  
sumed at the judgment day.  
The Dead Sea, memorial of Sodom’s sin and punish-  
ment, stood within view of God’s chosen city. So the  
lake of fire seems to form part of the new earth. As,  
when Sodom was swallowed up, the Dead Sea arose ;  
so when Babylon is swallowed up, the Lake of Death  
appears.  
It is a place of “ brimstone ” as well as fire. How  
suffocating the fumes of sulphur! Always to be stifled  
in such an atmosphere, how terrible !  
“Tt is the Second Death.” To the saved no more  
death : to the lost no more life/ Their abode is not  
the “‘ Shadow of Death,” but ‘tis now the Second Death  
in its full reality. ;  
  
  
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