Where are those saints to be placed, who do not attain  
to the reward of the kingdom? This passage, I believe, informs us.  
 Here are unfolded God’s principles of judgment in  
reference to the citizens. The former verses stated the  
*unconditional* blessings enjoyed by the *dwellers on the  
new earth*. Now we have the *condition* of the *citizen’s*  
entrance into the new city of God.  
 The conqueror is to enjoy these things. The reference  
primarily is to the saints of the Church, as the  
concluding words of each of the Seven Epistles to the  
Churches prove. ii., iii. But the reference seems to be  
not to them solely. There are those who fight against  
and overcome the Antichrist. There are also the saved  
under the Law.  
 And probably there may be two aspects of overcoming: overcoming so as to be rewarded, and then  
partaking in millennial glory; and overcoming as compared with the total unbelief of the worldly. “This  
is the victory which overcometh the world—even our  
faith,” and the final entry into eternal life in the city  
of the risen.  
 The nations outside are not conquerors. They were  
never called to wrestle, as we are, with the world and  
Satan. They lived in millennial joy.  
 The conqueror shall “inherit” these things.  
 We mean by “inherit” something different from that  
which the Hebrew and the Greek of the New Testament  
intend. It does not mean to have a claim to an  
estate by virtue of *birth*. It means only “to obtain a  
lot,” or “portion”; as the next verse shows. “The  
cowardly *shall have their portion* in the lake.”  
 “And I will be his God, and he shall be My son.”  
 This sentiment resembles greatly that expressed  
above (in verse 8) concerning the men of the new  
earth in general. But more closely examined, the