

I am not sure this "is to come" conveys the idea ~~of~~ very definitely today. I would think, "which was, and is and will be" would perhaps convey the idea more accurately. I don't believe it's a picture of God moving from one place to another, but of God being active and wonderful at all times, past, present and future. The twenty-four elders fall down and worship him on the throne, worship him that lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou has created all things, and for ~~thy~~ thy pleasure they are and were created." What a wonderful picture we have in this chapter, a picture of all creation proceeding from the good pleasure of God who sits on the throne--a picture of His utter supremacy. The Westminster ~~Catechism~~ Catechism says the chief end of man is to know God and glorify Him forever. What is man in comparison with the greatness of the mighty ~~and~~ God? How little are the things that bother us in this life, in comparison with His majesty, His ~~power~~ power, His goodness? There are some who even go so far as to say that we have no right even to discuss the question of whether He exists or not. To do so is to ~~we~~ assume that we are ~~we~~ autonomous, and that we can think things out aside from Him. A little consideration of course will show us ~~how~~ how ridiculous such a suggestion is. It is true that we are not autonomous. It is true that God has made us utterly subject to Him in ~~in~~ every thing, but it ~~is~~ also true that God did not wish simply to have automatons. He wished thinking, feeling beings with ~~an~~ individuality individualities beings capable of thought and feeling, beings who would love Him, not because He pressed a button in order to increase the amount of their love toward Him, but because they chose to love Him, because they desired to love Him who had created them. Oh, what a vital factor it is in all life that God has created all things, and for His pleasure they are and were created. It is something that will tremendously affect our lives and our thought if we constantly keep it before ~~of~~ us. This marvelous theme is expressed here in this chapter. What more ~~do~~ do we need? We recognize the great