

now began that process of corruption that would end in death. God said: "cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee" (Genesis 3:17b-18a). A curse was laid upon the animal creation, and man's body was made corruptible, as a result of man's sin. Does Isaiah 11:6-8 teach that this curse will be removed at the beginning of the promised Golden Age, so that animals will no longer bite and destroy one another, and so that man's body will become incorruptible?

We would not wish to build so tremendous a teaching upon this one passage alone, unless we find the same truth even more clearly taught in other parts of Scripture, as indeed we do.

Let us look at New Testament passages which clearly bring out this truth that God is going to remove the curse that has been laid upon the world. First, as to man's body, we find a clear statement in Philippians 3:20-21:

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Another reference to the change that is to occur in human bodies as a result of God's wonderful promise is found in I Corinthians 15:20-23 which reads as follows:

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.