

A NEW YEAR'S QUESTION.

WHAT SHALL THE END BE
OF THEM
THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL
OF GOD?

1 Peter iv. 17.

ANSWER:

WHOSE END	WHO SHALL BE
IS	PUNISHED
DESTRUCTION	WITH
	EVERLASTING
	DESTRUCTION.

Phil. iii. 19.

2 Thess. i. 9.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR,"

AND A HINT FOR SECURING IT.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU !



WHAT, dear reader, is your notion of a HAPPY NEW Year? When you try to picture one, what kind of picture do you draw? Health—worldly comforts multiplied—business brisk and prospering—trials removed—speculations successful. Is such your notion, such your picture of a Happy New Year? But is God shut out? What mockery the greeting of your neighbour, "A Happy New Year!" What! "A Happy New Year" to the man who enters upon the Year without God?—whose only happiness is sought in this sinful, sorrowing, passing, empty world? "A Happy New Year" to the

man who knows not Christ as his Savior?

No. It cannot be. God will be against you; and with God against you, not the devil, not earth, not sin, can make you happy. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Accept God's proffered mercy—and then "Grace, mercy, and peace will be multiplied unto you." These will bring "A Happy New Year." You may have to spend some of its hours—perhaps many—upon a bed of sickness, in weakness, in languor, in pain. But "grace, mercy, and peace" can make the sick chamber the very gate of heaven; and, in the silent sleepless watches of the night, can make your wakeful hours refreshing seasons of communion with your Saviour, and of the sunshine of your Father's face. You may be called on to stand by the open grave, and to bear the bereavement of a father or mother, a child, a husband, a friend who is most dear. But "grace, mercy, and peace" shall sustain you even at the grave's side, and in a home rified by death. The coming year may bring manifold trials, multiplied sorrows. But Paul and Silas, in fetters and in stocks, could make their prison resound with the glad notes of praise. And so shall "grace, mercy, and peace," if multiplied, cheer you in affliction's deepest gloom. With these the poor is rich; without these the rich man is a beggar.

Seek then "GRACE" of "the God of all grace"—seek "MERCY" of Him who in Christ Jesus is rich in mercy—seek "PEACE" of "the God of peace." Seek them not in scanty supplies; with cold desires; with faithless heart: seek them in their rich and multiplied fullness. They shall be given, and bring with them not "A Happy New Year" only, but A HAPPY ETERNITY!

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SOMETHING WORTH LIVING FOR.

Live for Christ who loves you,
For those who think you true,
For the heaven that smiles above you,
For the good that you can do,
For the cause that wants assistance,
For the wrongs that need resistance,
For the future in the distance,
For the crown you have in view.