

a single *scoffer* there. Days of scoffing will then be over; moreover, there will not be a single *hypocrite* there. Every one will appear in his true character and pass for what he is worth. There will not be a single *prayerless* person in all that vast concourse, Mouths that were never before opened in prayer, will be opened on "that great and notable day of the Lord." That will be the great muster day of the children of men. "The sea shall give up the dead that are in it, and death and hell shall deliver up the dead which are in them." The voice of the Archangel and the trump of God shall be heard in every burying ground, and by the tenant of every grave; and "they shall come forth, they that have done good to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.

2. It will be the great *distinguishing day of human character.*

In the present condition of the moral world, it is very difficult, and sometimes impossible, for man to distinguish between the righteous and the wicked. They mingle in the same social circle, and are oftentimes partners in the same commercial firm, and shareholders in the same joint stock company. They meet in the same place of worship, and sit together at the same Communion table. They cannot be distinguished by their personal appearance, nor yet by God's providential dealings with them. And sometimes their moral conduct is so similar, that it fails to distinguish them before man, who can only look upon the outward appearance. It is not the rule with God, in this life, always to drag the hypocrite into open day, and show him to society in his true character. It is not His rule always to vindicate calumniated innocence, in this world, bringing forth the righteousness of the upright "as the light and his judgment as the noon day." The consequence is, that whilst the former sometimes holds up his head in society, and in the church, as a christian, and goes down to death with a lie in his right hand, undiscovered, and unexposed, the latter sometimes goes down to the grave under a dark cloud of suspicion.

But there is a time coming, when there will be an everlasting distinction made between the two great classes of mankind. There is a day coming when all those masks and disguises which conceal the false-hearted from human inspection, shall be torn off them, and when those dark clouds of prejudice and suspicion, which so frequently obscure the good man's reputation, shall be blown away. Every one shall then take his right place, and bear his right name. The Judgment day will be the great disclosing day of human character. No hidden things of darkness can be so hidden as to escape the searching scrutiny of that day, and no works of faith or labours of love can be so secret as that they will not then be "known and come abroad." The scrutinising eye of Him that sits upon the Throne will detect the minutest phase of character, and assign to every man his right position. The conscience of every man will also infallibly determine the direction he must take, and the company to which he must go. "The ungodly shall not stand in the Judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not."

3. It will be the great *harvest day of human actions.*