

THEREFORE THEY SAY UNTO GOD, DEPART FROM US; FOR WE DESIRE NOT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THY WAYS."

Job. xxi. 14.

I MUST have to do with God. And here is the solemnity of it. If I do not meet God now about the Saviour, I shall have to meet Him about my sins, and if I despise meeting the Saviour about my sins, meet God I must in my sins—to be lost for ever. You put a sort of honor upon an enemy by paying attention to him; but you cannot more deeply insult a friend than by paying no heed nor notice. So it is as to indifference to Christ. Perhaps we try to settle accounts with God once or twice a day—what a wrong to God, and a wrong to my soul!

If I have sins upon me,—and in that condition we all are, and have been, naturally—what is to be done? It is easy to say what we have been doing—walking “according to the course of this world.” This is not merely gross things. Supposing that people were all as courteous and kind as possible—that there was no such things as jails, and judges, nor convicts punished; supposing that men could be reasoned out of their wickedness; what would still be the condition of men? “That which is born of the flesh is flesh.” Man, as such, never can see the kingdom of God.

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