

known. The sweets of freedom they never tasted. To life and property no security is afforded. No rays of divine light lighten their lands. To them heaven and hell are both alike unknown. A gloomy, *impenetrable* darkness overshadows the future. They possess nothing calculated to satiate the desires of the *immortal* soul. Sunk in the lowest depths of debasing, degrading idolatry, ignorance, and every species of wickedness, they must be the subjects of the most consummate *misery*. Is it not most painful and overwhelming to think of the *myriads* that are in this condition, who "know nothing of our glad tidings, nothing of our merciful, compassionate, blessed Redeemer, and shut out from the heaven of light," must consequently be passing through the grave into the outer darkness,—the grim, *impenetrable* darkness. Shall we allow this to go on forever? Picture to yourselves, in imagination, the pit of hell, and the *thousands* who are *daily* unconsciously passing into it. As you have this view before your minds, consider that God has *given* to you a light which discloses to you that awful "place of torment," and how you may escape it. But further, consider that you have it in your power to give them, that light which would open up to their view the gulf of *eternal* ruin to which they are hastening, and the bliss they are losing; and thus *myriads* would be rescued from the *never ending* torments of hell, and added to the company of those who sing the new song. As you thus reflect on the condition of the heathen, ask yourselves if you can make too great self-denial and self-sacrifice, in order to send to these *perishing* heathen the light of the gospel. If these considerations awaken in your bosoms no sympathy for the perishing *millions*—if they exert no influence on your minds, most assuredly on that day when all shall be called on to render in an account of the use which they have made of all their varied privileges; the command of our Saviour to his apostles, "freely ye have received freely give" will be reiterated to you. What reply will you make? Can you then reply that you have obeyed the spirit of this command? No. Conscience then awakened will forbid such a reply. Then shall follow the denouncement of that *dreadful* sentence, recorded in Matt. xxv. 41, 46, against all such persons.

Another argument which proves that the church should largely increase her missionary efforts, is her duty to oppose *all* error. Truth and error are the subjects of a great conflict. In this conflict, all the intelligences of the universe are enlisted. On the one side are, Christ, the angelic hosts, saints, and the true disciples of Christ on the earth. On the other side are, the prince of darkness, his fiendish legions, the souls of those who have gone to eternal ruin, and the men of the world. The object of the former is to diffuse and establish the truth, with all its legitimate influences, throughout the whole universe. The latter are exerting their malevolent powers to their utmost, to effect a universal promulgation and establishment of error, with all its ruinous consequences. Is it proper, that the part that you take in the conflict, be distinguished, as it now is, for an utter want of disinterested zeal, earnestness, and activity? Let me turn your attention to those examples of *whole hearted* earnestness, in bringing souls to the knowledge of the truth, which are not only worthy of imitation, but which we are *bound* to imitate. For this cause the Saviour makes *infinite* sacrifices. The Eternal Son, *co-equal* with the Father, condescends to take *our nature*, and live with sinful men. His life was one of unwearied and unceasing activity. His zeal for his father's house devoured him. We never fail to find him "working, preaching, praying, or weeping; but ne-