

be doing what is divinely required,—declaring the whole counsel of God. Even the fear of God, so often enjoined in scripture, is but seldom referred to in religious teaching. Yet there are numerous passages of scripture on the point; and surely they must have been given to be used, if not frequently, at least occasionally, in such teaching, for it is shown, and known to be needful and profitable. Sinners, of every class and degree, need to be frequently and plainly reminded of such threatenings. It is declared, that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;” and that—“by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.” There are very many passages in the Old Testament, enjoining such fear; and several also in the New. Here are some of the latter:—“Fear Him which after he hath killed hath power to cast both body and soul into hell.” (Math. 10). This was said by our Lord himself, and to his disciples. Again:—“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.” (2 Cor. 5.) “Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord.” (Rom. 12.) “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Heb. 10.) “Let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably; with reverence and godly fear; for our God is a consuming fire.” (Heb. 12.) The Canon, himself, has referred to many such awful threatenings in the Old, and also in the New Testament Scriptures.

In concluding, it may be said, not only as to Canon Farrar but to all of us—naturally weak and erring creatures that we are—that it will be well to adopt, and observe in practice, the sentiments of the pious and gifted poet, when he sang:—

“Lord that I may learn of thee,
Give me true simplicity;
Wean my soul and keep it low,
Willing thee alone to know.

Let me cast my reeds aside,
All that feeds my knowing pride;
Not to man but God submit,
Lay my reasonings at thy feet.

Of my boasted wisdom spoil'd,
Docile, helpless as a child;
Only seeing in thy light,
Only walking in thy might.