

speaks of, we cry out at once it is impossible that the God of Perfect Justice, of Perfect Righteousness, should judicially condemn a man for not accepting what his ears have never heard of, nor his mind conceived of. Now without questioning at this point the right or wrong of this decision of reason, I have simply here to state that reason has absolutely no place in the final settlement of this question, that to appeal to reason, to our own sense of justice as the final judge in this matter, would be to lead us to confusion and skepticism, it would be in short to give up the Christian position entirely. See where it would lead us to. We have such incidents in the Old Testament as Elijah calling down fire on the soldiers who had come to arrest him, we have Elisha summoning a bear to destroy the children who mocked him, we have whole families destroyed for the sin of a single individual and destroyed at God's command, in the light of Divine Perfection, how would human reason explain such incidents as these? We have such a command as the second, in which God states He will visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Him, in the light of Divine Justice to the individual, how will human reason explain this? As we gaze upon the world around us, we see all creation feasting upon and devouring one another; we see man the victim of violence and unspeakable murder, carried off by pestilence and sudden death, born to trouble as the sparks fly upward, so that his very name in the Hebrew means the ill-fated one; and in the light of Eternal Power and Eternal Wisdom, and Eternal Mercy, and Eternal Love, how will human reason, the human sense of justice, explain all this? So that we are simply brought face to face with the unquestionable fact that in all things Divine and Superhuman, unassisted human reason as a guide is blind, and helpless, and hopeless. It is sure to lead us astray, it is sure to leave us in unspeakable darkness, it is sure to involve us in despair. And it is illogical for the Christian to accept the other inscrutable mysteries of our most holy faith in spite of reason, and here to say God cannot condemn the heathen because my reason forbids, and revolts at such a thing. In short in this and other such questions, so far as reason is concerned, we are brought to our knees in blind and utter dependence upon God, crying out with St. Paul: "Let God be true and every man a liar."