

How evident it is that the bitter consequences of transgression falling upon us in mind, body or estate are not always certain preludes of everlasting destruction, but merciful chastisements and chances and calls to repent and forsake sin that the soul may be saved. Only in the case of the hardened and impenitent are such temporal judgments presumptive proof that God who sends them can and will follow the man who disregards them with the heavier penalties of an eternal doom, "Is able to destroy both body and soul in hell."

All that has so far been considered is an extended preparation of our minds for what revelation enunciates of a coming judgment, where every secret shall be made known, and every deed shall have its final reward or punishment, where all the failures and wrongs and injustice and miscarriage of this imperfect state shall be rectified by "a juster Judge than here." This final day and scene are revealed and invested with language and scenery befitting so weighty a matter.