

accept God's unspeakable gift ; receive the Redeemer as offered to you in the Gospel, and then you may say with the Apostle and all the Saints, " He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things."

A SUBSCRIBER.

MOTIVES TO YOUTHFUL PIETY.

It is commanded by God. " Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Whose ordinance is this ? God's. The eternal and omnipotent God interposes with his authority, and enjoins the practice of piety upon every youth of either sex. And he is a rebel against heaven, and setting out in life a traitor to the Most High, who is not giving his heart to love God—his life to glorify him. Religion is not only your duty at some time, but your duty *now*. It never will or can be more binding upon your conscience than it is at this moment.

Youth is the only season of which you can be certain. You may die, as millions have done, in the morning of your life. Your sun may go down ere it is yet noon ; and, in that case, should you neglect religion, no other opportunity of attending to its momentous duties will ever be afforded you. There may be but a step between you and death ; and from death to the bottomless pit is but one step more, for all who die without religion.

If you should live, and live to old age, the great probability is, that if you neglect religion in youth, you will neglect it for ever. The mind is never likely to be more at leisure, nor more inclined to religion than it is at this moment ; on the contrary, its impediments and its disinclinations are sure to increase. Moreover, nothing short of the grace of God can convert the soul ; and is he likely to bestow that grace hereafter, which is refused and despised *now* ? By far the greater part of those who ever become pious, are made so in their youth. If, therefore, you decide to put off this concern now, you will put it off, in all probability, for ever. You ought to feel as if this were the only accepted time ; as if all eternity depended on the present hour ; for it probably does.

Youth is the most favorable time, and that on every account. Cares, anxieties, and perplexities are few—the faculties of the soul are vigorous—the senses and energies of the body are lively—the heart susceptible—the conscience tender—the habits flexible.

'Tis granted, and no plainer truth appears,
Our most important are our earliest years ;
The mind improvable and soft, with ease
Imbibes and copies what she hears and sees ;
And through life's labyrinth holds fast the clue,
That education gives her, false or true.

COWPER.