

THE WRATH TO COME.

HOW appalling is the thought that multitudes of human beings are every day drawing nearer and nearer to "the wrath of God!"

And yet how few seem to be alive to the fact! How many go on day by day with their accustomed duties, seeking, it may be, to come up to their usual standard of moral propriety, and perhaps also of virtue and refinement, without for one moment crediting the truth, that "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness!" Now God is preaching peace, and delivering souls from condemnation, in the exceeding riches of His grace; for "the gospel is *the power of God unto salvation* to every one that believeth," so that "He that believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but *the wrath of God abideth on him.*" (John iii. 36). It is impossible that any language can be plainer, and yet how awfully solemn the fact, that the wrath of God abides on them that believe not! Those, then, who do now receive the Son of God as their Saviour are safely sheltered from coming wrath; and are enabled to worship and rejoice before God in virtue of the peace-giving, sin-cleansing power of the blood of Jesus. It was so with those who believed the gospel at Thessalonica—"They turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, even Jesus, which delivered us from *the wrath to come.*"