

The Doctor's off again hunting up arguments for the overthrow of our Universalist friends, for they are the only class of believers in the Bible, in this country, that deny what the Doctor brings such a weight of authority to prove, viz., the future punishment of the wicked; but even if all this array of sects *had*, and still *did* maintain the eternal torment theory, it would matter nothing to us: the Doctor has taken the right position, viz., God *only* knows—"No one but God Himself can answer this question."—"He has answered it; we find his answer in the Bible." Let us, then, to "the law and the testimony;" if these denominations speak not according to that it is "because there is no light in them." If they *do* speak in harmony with it, we perfectly agree. The Doctor continues:—

"It may not be amiss to observe, so, that the final punishment of the wicked found a place even in Pagan systems. In some form or other it is interwoven with them all. This might be abundantly proved by quotations from the best authorities. And it is not unreasonable to suppose that, like the doctrine of sin, and of the necessity of atonement, it has been handed down from generation to generation as a relic of primeval truth, though grievously distorted and disfigured. Enoch, the seventh from Adam, pre-claimed it, (Jude 14, 15); and whence was it obtained by him unless by revelations from Heaven, or by communication from our first parents, to whom it had been revealed?"

It is doubtless true that the doctrine of future punishment found a place in Pagan systems, and also that many of the absurd notions in reference to the present existence of a place of torment, purgatory, &c., descended from them to the apostate Church of Rome, and thence to the popular churches of this day. That Enoch received an intimation from Adam that God would punish sin we need not doubt, for this had been revealed to him, and the punishment itself pointed out.—"Sin is the transgression of the law." God's law to Adam was, in reference to a certain tree, "*Thou shalt not eat of it.*" The penalty annexed to the transgression of this law was "DEATH." Doubtless Enoch was well informed on this point, and expected the coming of the Son of Man to "gather His wheat into the garner," and "BURN UP THE CHAFF with unquenchable fire." The Doctor continues:—

"There is another consideration which is particularly deserving your notice. Among the minority of professing Christians, by whom the everlasting punishment of the wicked is in the present