
 Study of the Bible urged.

 The Christian addressed.

Seek and retain his sacred image in thy heart, live on him by holy, conquering, irresistible faith, and thou shalt be saved in heaven.

Let me advise thee to a constant and prayerful perusal of the Holy Scriptures ; acquaint thyself with them, as thou wouldst with thy chart, wert thou lost at sea, and exposed to perilous dangers near an unknown shore. Remember the *Bible* is the star of eternity, a chart to guide thy frail bark into the haven of eternal rest. Make it the constant book of thy life.

With holy faith and prayer,

“ Read God's word once, and you can read no more :
 For all books else appear so mean, so poor,
 Verse will seem prose ; but still persist to read,
 And God's word will be all the book you'll need.”

Never lay it aside because thou hast read it over and over, or because it may not be altogether so congenial to thy natural views and feelings ; but persist in thy acquaintance with it, with sincere prayer to God that thou mayst fully understand it. The Holy Scriptures are of indispensable use to thee, as they teach thee every thing relative to thy salvation, and to thy duty while a probationer here below. Let the dear reader, therefore,

“ Read, and revere the sacred *page* ; a *page*
 Where triumphs immortality ; a *page*
 Which not the whole creation could produce ;
 Which not the conflagration shall destroy ;
 In nature's ruins not one letter lost.”

Ignorance and neglect of the *Scriptures* are the prime cause of so much infidelity and irreligion in the world. Instead of men's approximating to them, and forming their lives