

"Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed.' In these words there is one specific purpose stated for which the Redeemer will come, viz, *to convince all that are ungodly*. It is a hard thing to convince men of sin now. God speaks in his word and providence, and yet they are not convinced. Conscience sometimes speaks in thunder tones, and yet it does not produce any permanent conviction. The scoffer continues to scoff, the swearer to swear, the wicked go on still in their trespasses in the face of all the threatenings of God's law, the rich overtures of his mercy, and the calls of his providence. When Noah was preparing the ark for the coming deluge, there were none outside of his own family to heed the solemn warnings. He was the song of many a drunkard, and all thought him to be a fool for attempting to build a ship without any prospect of water sufficient to launch her. Time rolls on, however. Noah continues to build. The wicked continue to scoff. At length the flood comes and scoffing ceases. The rising waters, encircling them in the embrace of death, bring conviction to the most reckless and abandoned, and wring from them the bitter lamentation, O that we had known in our day, the things that belong to our peace, but now they are hid from our eyes! So will it be at the "glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." The first blast of that trumpet that shall announce his approach, will bring conviction to every heart, that there is such a thing as sin, such a thing as the wrath of God, such a thing as the worm that will never die, and fire that never shall be quenched. And when He that sitteth upon the throne shall out of the book of his omniscience, read in the hearing of the ungodly, all the ungodly deeds that they have committed; when with the fire of indignation darting from his eye, He shall say, "These things hast thou done, and I kept silence: thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes," what heart shall then be strong; what knee shall not then tremble? "The great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

Let all impenitent sinners be assured that they will be effectually convinced of sin some day. By closing their Bibles, by keeping away from those who would give them good instruction, and by filling their minds with worldly thoughts, they may continue to exclude the light that would bring conviction to the conscience; but, assuredly, there is a day coming when they will realize that, the heaviest burden that one can bear is the burden of sin, and that the greatest infatuation in all the wide domain of human folly, is to trample under foot the law of Him that sits upon the throne. Those who are not convinced of sin *in the day of grace*, and neglect that Saviour who can alone deliver from its guilt and power, will be convinced of sin *in the day of Judgment*, when mercy's door will be shut for ever. Let all, then, seek to be convinced of sin, when a way of escape has been so graciously provided. Let them be convinced that a deluge of wrath is approaching, whilst there is an ark of safety to flee to—that they are bitten by the "fiery flying serpent" of sin while there is