

Being for goodness, justice, wisdom, and power, without admitting that man is destined to another state of existence, in which the distribution of happiness and misery will be made according to the merit and demerit of every individual as a responsible being? How otherwise can the "ways of God to man be justified?"

Hence *reason* and *experience* teach that reward and punishment will be distributed hereafter, and hence the immortality of the soul. But are we not permitted after all to exclaim—Man, though thou cast a contemplating glance within thine own bosom, though within thyself, within thine own heart, thou possessest the *key* to this mystery, and though thine own reason and experience will help thee to remove thine unbelief, standest thou not still perplexed and dejected on the portals of wisdom, and darest not set thy foot on the threshold of its sanctuary, which still seems to be shrouded in an impenetrable veil?—because the word of life is not thy guide—because He who is the way, truth, and life, is not thy teacher—because He who brought life and immortality to light is not thy Redeemer. Away then, we say, with all human reasoning. "Be not deceived, evil communications corrupt good manners." Awake to the fountain of all wisdom, and there you will see words engraven by the finger of God. "Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and *redemption*." There you will read, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." And you will help to exclaim, "O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?" and you will thank God, which giveth us the *victory*, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Come and read, "Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God," or, "But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for he shall receive me," and, "Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoiceth, my flesh also shall rest in hope, for thou wilt not leave my soul in hell." Come and hear converted Saul of Tarsus, through the mouth of the holy spirit, proclaiming, "This mortal must put on immortality," and you will be glad to know that man is immortal. Come and read, "Say ye to the righteous that it *shall* be well with him, for they *shall* eat the fruit of their labours, (but) woe unto the wicked, it *shall* be ill with him, for the reward of his hands *shall* be given him;" and again, "I come