

those labours which tend most to our own good, and the benefit of our fellow creatures. It is also used to signify the abundant blessings which the Lord confers upon his creatures, and especially in those opportunities with which he favours us for making a preparation for another world, and laying up a treasure in heaven. Hence the Prophet Jeremiah, lamenting over his people for their neglect of the opportunities with which the Lord favoured them for promoting their happiness, and seeing all these passed away unimproved, exclaimed, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. (See Jer. viii. 20.)

The summer season which is now so rapidly passing away, and will soon close, should remind us of the shortness of human life, how rapidly we are approaching, and how very near we may be to the end of our stay on

earth. If the summer of our life is spent in the idleness of sin, then how dreary will be the hour of our death, with no provision made for eternity, no treasure that will endure forever laid up in a better country, and no mansion prepared for us in heaven. How sorrowful is the condition of the poor foolish sluggard, or idler, who has allowed the summer to pass away without making any provision for the winter; but how much more awful the state of those who have had a summer season of grace, and a harvest-time to gather fruit into life eternal, but who have neglected all these mercies; and when they lie down in death, find nothing before them but a dark and miserable eternity. And every hour that we neglect to seek and serve the Lord, we are in danger of this fearful state.

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ORDINARY HABITS OF LIONS.

One of the most curious things connected with the lion, is his voice, which is extremely grand and peculiarly striking. It consists at times of low, deep moaning, repeated five

or six times, ending in faintly audible sighs; at other times he startled the forest with loud, deep-toned, solemn roars, repeated five or six times in quick succession, each in-