

dwelt with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? The 15th verse tells us who can. "He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gains of oppression, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off. Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers?" It is the scribes that should count the towers, and if they can't, it is because they have not been instructed unto the kingdom. Now we can count the towers; a tower is a defence; then a christian's towers are brought to view by Paul as a foundation. Eph. 2: 20-21.—"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Now we see that every workman is not fit to work on this spiritual building, without he has the first principles; then to know the principles, they would have to be rightly divided, and we go to one of the foundations, which is 2 Peter 1: 5-7.—"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." Now if any one have not these qualities, they must confess that they are not christians, or have not got the first principles of religion. If any one have these principles, they can never fall as long as they do these things. Now we come to the time that love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love fulfils all the law, because God is love; then James says that the royal law is to love thy neighbor as thyself, then we all shall do well. Now there is no one but wants to do well; that is the charity that Paul said would live when faith and hope would end, which is love, or God, for God is love. Love is the fire that now tries every man's work, what sort it is. Now if any man will throw away all the hay, wood and stubble, he can be saved by fire, that is love; or any principle which is not according to the bible or sound doctrine. Then you will see that they will love their neighbor as themselves; then they will have the key to let them into the kingdom, which is love. No one will then be self-righteous, nor despise anyone; for God is no respecter of persons; he that fears God, and worketh righteousness, will be accepted, no matter what denomination he belongs to; for the kingdom is like a net that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind. Now if we make straight paths for our feet, we will not turn them away that are lame, but rather have them healed. Then if we have all the charities of a christian, we will have on the wedding garment; then we will not be found naked, nor barren in the knowledge of the Lord. Then we will be like Paul in Heb. 12: 1.—"Wherefore, seeing that we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we should lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Now that sin that doth beset us is, no faith, or unbelief; that will destroy thousands on this earth at this age of the world, for this is the time that no man can rule over another to his own heart; or the time that the good man is or will be perished out of the world, so we should be very careful how we hinder the truth. Rev. 19: 3.—"And again they said, Alleluia." This shows that it was spoken before. The time that it was spoken before was 1843; and it was spoken again in 1844. This shows it was the commencing of another dispensation; or the setting up of the kingdom; or the preaching of the everlasting Gospel. As Paul says, we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be removed, for our God is a consuming fire. That is the fire that will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire; but that is not the desire of any christian, as they want them to be saved. Rev. 19: 10-11.—"For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war." Now this white horse is represented as carrying somebody, and the one it carried was faithful and true. By the horse is meant the person, and he that sat on him was Christ, and what he speaks is full of faith and truth; and his name is called the Word of God, and that is Love out of a pure heart. Now we can say, come Lord, and come quickly; for it is the spirit and the bride say come.

LO, DOWN IN THIS BEAUTIFUL VALLEY.

LO, down in this beautiful valley,
Where love crowns the meek and the lowly,
Where loud storms of envy and folly
May roll on the billows in vain.

CHORUS.

O, there, there, the Lord will dwell,
And souls drink this beautiful river,
Which flows peace forever and ever,
Where love and joy do always increase.

This low vale is far from contention,
No soul there can harbor dissension,
No dark wiles of evil invention,
Belong in these regions of peace.

The low soul, in humble subjection,
Shall there find unshaken protection,
The soft gales of cheering reflection,
The mind soothes in sorrow and pain.
We'll soon leave this beautiful valley,
For joys far surpassing in glory,
And dwell with the meek, pure, and holy,
Where sin, death, and raging storms cease.
O, there, with the King in his beauty,
We'll drink wine, and eat hidden manna,
And praise God forever in glory,
While love and joy will always increase.

