

no creature below man can do in the least degree. The soul has a capacity to take in ideas of all things in heaven, earth and hell, and can fly back to eternity before the creation; and roll down into eternity, and all its amazing wonders when time shall be no more. Moreover the soul has an infinite thirst after knowledge; and if a learned man could absolutely master all the sciences he would sit down famished and weep bitterly, and wish to have ten thousand more worlds of science yet to conquer. Nothing but the boundless perfections of God can satisfy the cravings of our immortality.

The will of man, in its objects and actions, equal with the understanding shews the soul of man to be immortal. Its object is good, immortal good. The actions of the will are boundless, and can never come to any rest but in God, the supreme, eternal Good. The amazing dominion of the soul over the body, resembles the vast dominion of God over the whole universe; and the actions of the will are often most vigorous and strong when the body is in deep consumption, or in the very agonies of death. These objects and actions of the will proclaim man's immortality.

The grandeur of the passions teaches us the immortality of the soul. Admiration points to a great and unlimited object, the boundless and wonderful God. Love has for its object an infinite and eternal beauty and good. The proper object of our hatred is sin, an infinite evil, and our hatred is infinite. Our hopes and fears point to an eternity of good and evil. Our joys wish to be eternal, and even the sorrows of a guilty sinner point out an hereafter,

and plainly intimate an eternity to man. In truth, every thing in God and his works proclaims man's immortality. The magnificent structure of the universe, the boundless space, the amazing magnitude of the heavenly bodies, their rapid motions, the succession of day and night, the revolutions of nature in the seasons of the year, the gradations of life from a worm to an angel, the astonishing works of genius, the prodigious labors of art and strength all round the globe, proclaim that immortals have been here.

The moral perfections of Deity, his promises of eternal life to believers, and His threatening of eternal death to the wicked forgetter of God, all declare the immortality of the soul. But in the sacrifice of Christ's death, we have brighter views of the worth and immortality of the soul than can be exhibited in any other way. Here we see God incarnate rolled in dust and blood in the garden, surrounded with darkness while hanging on the cross that we might rise into the highest heavens, and dwell forever and ever in the bosom of infinite love.

Reader, whoever you are, let all these considerations with a thousand more that pour into our astonished minds excite us all to imitate the example of the Lord Jesus and his blessed Apostles in the tenderest compassion for immortal souls. Well did the Redeem assert that the profit of the whole world would not compensate for the loss of one soul: Matt. 16: 26.

Awake then, my dear readers, to the worth of your own souls, and with your pastors, cherish the strongest and tenderest love for the souls of your