

evermore." The most lofty human mind or imagination, cannot reach to the conception of the sublime and rapturous enjoyments of the glorious mansions and scenes of that heavenly region; for God Himself has declared in His word, that "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the things which He hath laid up for them that love Him," and have faithfully served Him in this earthly state. Such will be the everlasting portion and reward of those, who while here in an ungodly and tempting world, have continued to sow to the Spirit. They did not profanely mock their God with merely formal and heartless services, but faithfully and diligently sowed the good seed, to and for the Divine Spirit; and they are not deceived, but reap a harvest immeasurably beyond their highest conceptions.

Not so with the others, the sowers to the flesh. Their fleshly propensities and gratifications *deceived*, and in the end utterly ruined them. In the language of inspired truth,—“in the day they made their plants to grow, and in the morning made their seed to flourish, but the harvest was a heap in the day of grief and of desparate sorrow.” Those of them who had been members of churches, were like the man who intruded into the hall of the marriage feast, without the requisite garment,—the *holiness* essential for admission to Heaven—and who was expelled into outer darkness and deepest distress; and like the foolish virgins, who suffered their lamps to go out, and not having taken any oil in their vessels, the door was finally shut against them, and their cries for admittance were utterly unavailing. According, therefore, as the present life has been, so will be the eternal state. Whether the *sowing* be to the flesh, or to the spirit, so will the eternal *reaping* be,—*misery* for the former, and *happiness* for the latter.

But many will say, probably all which is here written is in accordance with scripture truth, but are people generally, or even members of churches to have no amusements or diversions; are they to be always thinking and striving about the salvation of their souls. To all this may readily be answered, what all must admit, that both as to time and eternity, the subject of religion is, to every human being, of the very deepest importance, and