

such things are natural. There is no arbitrariness, no wrong in this. It cannot be otherwise. It is of no use for you to be near to Christ in the next life, if you are out of all sympathy with Him. The bliss of Heavenly life would be a greater bore and torment to you than any prayer and worship on earth can possibly be. There is Christ close by you now, willing and able to cleanse all your sins. There is the All-Kind Father waiting to embrace you, and the Spirit prompts your conscience aright. But if you *will* live in sin the chance of your perishing becomes a certainty. It is of no use to quiver and quail, and vainly hope. There is only one way by which you can rise above the danger; it is by submitting to the authority of God—by heartily abandoning your neglectful, ungodly ways, and casting out your unholy desires, and entrusting your soul to the care, the teaching, the elevating influence and the sin-cleansing power of Jesus Christ. He is the refuge set before you in the Gospel. “There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.” If you want some other Saviour, you must want and perish. If you refine away the truth of Christ to gratify your sinful tastes, you must refine away and perish. The terrors of the Lord are real, and are coming—coming fast. We *know* it because of Christ’s words. We speak of these things with fear and pain. We remind you again and again of your peril, and once more would persuade you to seek safety, purity, Heaven, Eternal Life—all that is dear to body and soul for this world and the world to come—in personal, living, loving union with Him who came to seek and to save the lost. “Now, then, we are ambassadors for God—as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you, in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.”