

cast into Hell; yea, I say unto *you*, fear Him." It would, indeed, be for the benefit of souls, and for the interests of Christianity, in general, if this most solemn Exhortation of our Lord, and others, of a similar *awakening* and *alarming* character, were far *more frequently* proclaimed, and enlarged upon, in the *Public ministrations* of Divine Truth, *throughout the Churches*, than is *now* the case. If such a *change* in the usual style of *Pulpit addresses*, were made, and faithfully carried out, in accordance with the *Scriptural Plan*, for *awakenings* and *conversions*, there would, doubtless, soon follow, *Revivals of Pure,—and Self-denying Religion*, which are *now*, so greatly *needed*, and so frequently implored, but which do not take place, under the *present System*, of holding forth a *variety* of merely enlightening and *pleasing Expositions*, and *sentiments*, which, however scripturally *true*, are not *adapted* to the state of *those* to whom they are uttered; and which have a tendency, rather to *engender*, and *establish*, a *false Peace*, and *security*, than to *alarm*, and *arouse* to *Repentance*, and a *turning from Sin*; or to *stimulate* and *quicken*, in the way to *salvation*.

All Professors of our Holy Religion, who are living in any degree *unwatchful*, and *inactive*, would do well to *ponder* most solemnly, the *awful* subjects, of the Divine *threatenings* against *Sin* and its *eternal* Punishment; and not to *deceive* themselves, with any *weak pretences*, which seem to *widen* the Gate of Life; and *soften* the terms of *Eternal Safety* and *Happiness*. Let them remember, the inspired warnings;—"Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for *whatsoever* a man soweth, *that* shall he also reap." Should such Professors, at any time, be inclined to think more favourably of their condition, than a just view of their *Lives* will encourage; and to hope for the Divine Mercy, at last, while any of their *Works* are Evil, they will do well to reject the supposition, or thought, of being in a state of safety, as the suggestion of an Enemy, who would ruin their souls. Let them think of the *views* and *apprehensions* which will fill their minds, on that Day of *Final Retribution*; and on its Awful Solemnities, when they will have a clear view of the indescribable Happiness, and of the horrible Miseries of another World; when, in short, Heaven, with all its Glories, shall be open before them; and, as expressed in the Book of Job,—“Hell shall be naked before us,