

Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, to bring us to God.—1 Peter iii. 18.

EVERLASTING.

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ONE day while walking through the city I saw in a tailor's window an article of clothing to which was attached a label

inscribed

**EVERLASTING
TWEED.**

This label started a train of thought:

1st. Men desire to secure clothing which will be durable.

2nd. The tailor knew that such a desire exists.

3rd. His object was to induce the public to part with their money for his goods.

4th. To do so, he did not hesitate to put a lying label upon the goods he exhibited.

Now apply these four thoughts to the truth of God's word, and what do we find? Why precisely the same scene.

(1.) Man seeking for that which will give him satisfaction. And (2.) one who is daily offering to man, pleasures &c., bearing the lying label "everlasting." All he wants is to get the valuable part of man—the soul, and he never hesitates to deceive, if he can but secure the prize.

Now if that cloth were all the tailor claimed for it, I should expect to see him, and all his clerks wearing clothes made of the material, but I venture to say that were we to enter the store and look at the clothes worn by all therein engaged, we would not find a single inch of this so-called "EVERLASTING TWEED" upon any one of them.

Just so, if we examine the testimony concerning the Devil we shall find that while he offers to young men that which he calls everlasting, he does not possess a single inch of goods which can claim the title.

He is a liar and the father thereof. (John viii. 44.) His promises are worse than failures. He is not able to protect

himself or his works, let alone giving you any thing lasting.

His works are to be destroyed. 1 John iii. 8.

He is himself to be defeated. Rev. xx. 1-3, 10.

He himself to be destroyed Heb. ii. 14.

The only everlasting things which you can secure by trading with him are

EVERLASTING SHAME. Dan. xii. 2.

EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT. Mat. xxv. 46.

EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION. 2 Thes. i. 7-9.

Don't be deceived by him. You would be sadly deceived were you to purchase a suit made of that tailor's, so-called "everlasting tweed." You would find it giving way when you most needed it to be without failure. So will you be sadly deceived if you trust the Devil's promises.

But dear Reader, there is another side to be presented. There is another One, who knowing the yearnings of man after that which is durable, is holding out before you his whole store of wealth and every article bears the label

EVERLASTING.

This one is the **EVERLASTING** God. Gen. xxi. 33.

Whose word is an **EVERLASTING** Word. 1 Pet. i. 23. He

will have mercy, for His is an

EVERLASTING Mercy. (Ps. c. 5.) He loves you, for he loves with an

EVERLASTING Love. (Jer. xxxi. 3) and his desire is that you should walk in an

EVERLASTING Way. (Ps. cxxxix. 24) wherein you shall be guided by an

EVERLASTING Light Isa. xxvi. 4, and be held up by his

EVERLASTING Arms. Deut. xxxiii. 27 in which are

EVERLASTING Strength. Isa. xxvi. 4.

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matthew xi. 28.