

he says they shall never taste of his supper. Now is fulfilled what was spoken of by Paul, in 2 Thes. 2: 9-10-11-12.—“Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth; that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan. This satan was revealed in 1798, when Napoleon dethroned the Pope; then he got his deathly wound by a sword and did live. Even him,—this is all the protestant churches. They come now with all deceivableness of unrighteousness; now if it were possible they would deceive the very elect. Now they think that ’43 and ’44 is a lie, because they would not believe it. This is a delusion that God has sent them, that they will be damned: when the Scripture has said, surely the Lord doeth nothing, but he revealeth the secrets to the prophets; and the prophecy is of no private interpretation. They even say that God is a liar, for his word said, the wise shall understand; a wise man’s heart discerneth both time and judgment. Well might the revelator say that they have a name, but are dead; that is in sin. Then we have another class that is twice dead, plucked up by the roots; that is them that have known the right way, and have turned away from it. 2 Peter 2: 21.—“For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.” These be they that have believed the time and deny it, and the only Lord that bought them, and say that he has to come again as a sacrifice; but the time has come to shew who is the only potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen nor can see; to whom be power and glory both now and forever. Amen.

### CHAPTER III.

#### THE PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN.

JOHN 5: 39.—“Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me.”

LUKE 16: 19-20.—“There was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. And there was a certain beggar, named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate, full of sores.” Now there is brought to view two persons, the one a rich man; the other a beggar, in this parable. Now the professed churches say this parable has been fulfilled ever since his first advent, which is not so; for they greatly err, not knowing the Scriptures, the same as it was with the Jews. Now there is another class that has come out from them, called the foolish virgins; they say it means that the rich man represents the Jews, and the dogs represent the Gentiles. This also is a mistake. Now we see how they greatly err, not rightly dividing the word of truth; that is what makes all divisions. Now these parables cannot be understood naturally; for the Scripture has said, in 1 Cor. 2: 12-13-14-15.—“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things; yet he himself is judged of no man.” That is, a man in his natural state, before he is changed from natural to spiritual. Now this parable was given to show what state the people would be in at his coming at the resurrection; that there would be rich men faring sumptuously every day, at the same time they would be dead and buried in sin. And at the resurrection the separation takes place; that is what makes that great gulf fixed between the righteous and the wicked. Then the rich men lift up their eyes in hell, being tormented in the flames. To prove this see 2 Thes. 1: 7-8.—“And to you who are in trouble, rest with us when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Rev. 14: 9-10.—“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in the forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out with mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in