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“ I am the light of the world.”
“ Preach the Gospel to every creature.”—JESUS.

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GOSPEL LESSONS FROM THE NAMES OF THE CITIES OF REFUGE.

“ I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress.”—Psalm
xci. 2.

“ They appointed *Kedesh* in Galilee in Mount Naphtali, and *Shechem* in Mount Ephraim, and *Kirjath-Arba*, (which is Hebron) in the Mountain of Judah,—and, on the other side of Jordan, by Jericho eastward, they assigned *Bezer* in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and *Ramoth* in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and *Golan* in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.” Joshua xx. 7-9. There are many figures used in scripture to illustrate the security that is in the Lord. He is called a *defence*, *shield*, a *rock*, and a *hiding place*. The Lord is described as “ a *refuge* from the storm, and a covert from the tempest;” He is called a *fortress*, a *high-tower*, the *munition of rocks*;—All these figures tell us of the blissful security that is to be found in the Lord. In seeking to illustrate Gospel truth we may go to nature, or to history, sacred, or profane. There may be an allusion, in some of the figures used by inspired writers to institutions, devised with a view to the protection and safety of