

## SAMON.

1st. 4th chap. 16, 17 & 18 verses.

*When Christ shall rise first. Then we shall be alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

**T**O prove the vast superiority of our holy religion over all other schemes of worship, it is sufficient to notice the consolation which it gives the afflicted. This is a practical advantage which can be very clearly stated by comparing the situation of the unfortunate Christian with that of the unfortunate Heathen. If the one be upheld in the day of trouble, and the other sink in darkness and sorrow; if the one taste a heavenly joy even in the midst of the storm, while the other is struck with astonishment and dismay; and if these benefits are of a permanent, not of a transient nature, the religion which confers them is surely entitled to our most sacred regard.

Let any one banish from his thoughts all certainty of a future life, and then let him consider, what he can do to comfort those,