

of a Triune God, and gratify their own love of wealth, or honour, or pleasure, or ease, or sensual appetites, they yield to motives; but the motives to which they yield are weak and worthless, whilst those which they resist are powerful and precious.

The motives by which the ungodly and unbelieving are prompted to action are often in a greater or less degree self-originated, controllable, resistible, and pertinaciously followed to the last must be suicidal to the best and highest interests of the soul. Reader, life and death are set before you, which will you choose? If the doctrine of motives be true; your *will* has much to do with the formation of your character here, and your destiny hereafter. If your destiny is not a holy happy, happy holy destiny, you will find the cause in your own bosom; and the consciousness that you had life in your choice; but chose death, will constitute the worm that never dies, and the fire that never shall be quenched.

HERESY.

“After the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers.” Acts xxiv, 14.

When any one differs from the prevailing belief of a bigoted people, he must endure persecution from them in many forms. The truth of this remark has been frequently verified. It was verified in the experience of John Huss of Bohemia, of Luther, of Zwingle, and of Melancthon; of Knox and of Melville. It was verified in the experience of One, greater than Huss or Luther, or Zwingle, or Melancthon, or Knox, or Melville, or any of the sons of men,—of Jesus the Master, and of one who bore the closest resemblance to him, perhaps, of any of his followers in any age or land, the noble and beloved Paul. Before his conversion to the faith of Christ, Paul was highly honoured by his countrymen. So much was he esteemed and confided in, and so zealous was he for Judaism, that he was employed by the Jewish Sanhedrim in persecuting the saints of Jesus. But after his conversion, he was regarded as worthy only of their hatred and execration. False charges were brought against him, as against his Master. But the head and front of his offending was that after the way, which they called heresy, he worshipped the God of his fathers, and vindicated the truth as it is in Jesus, with a zeal and ability and