

ding in it, he will at length reach the place of his destination.

Now it is in this manner that the sacred writers address themselves to the world; not by scientific display or elaborate reasoning, but by declaring unto us the testimony of God. They do not demonstrate, they simply state the truth and require us to embrace it. Observe here, we do not say that the truths revealed in Scripture cannot be demonstrated; all that we affirm, is, that it is not the method of Apostolic teaching; that we, in our present state of mental infancy are not capable of comprehending the demonstration of many of them, and therefore, they are declared as a TESTIMONY, which we are required to receive on the authority of the revealer. Many cavil at that authority; many reject the testimony. They do not feel that they have any need of a heavenly guide, nor do they seek to prepare themselves for a heavenly country. The fear of divine wrath, the desire of reconciliation with God, are but feeble affections within them, and the book which reveals the method how the one may be avoided, and the other attained, receives but little of their regard. To such even Paul might have addressed himself in vain; the gospel is not addressed to such, but to them who are seeking the way of salvation—and oh if such be your character, Reader! we would intreat you to place confidence in its testimony, and it will be given you to realize the truth, "He that believeth hath the witness in himself." As you imbibe its principles you will attain its purity; as you confide in its promises, you will breathe its peace; as you embrace its hopes, you will be animated with its joy. Such is

the condescension of its revealer, who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities, that it requires no high talent, no profound research, ere it can make its way to the heart. It has gained many a trophy among the young, and the untutored. It has shed its light, and peace, and dignity, into many a lowly cottage. It has formed its humblest disciples to unbending integrity—given them a composure amidst the most trying scenes—and made their eyes radiant with hope even in the darkening moments of dissolution. Go then, reader! listen to the declaration of the affecting testimonies, and seek after an experimental knowledge of it. Do not rest till you are able to testify of its efficacy in such language as this—"I perceive now a divine reality in its truths; as I read I am disposed to pray, and seem as if I breathed in the atmosphere of a purer world. Nor is it with me a matter of mere feeling, but of sober and certain fact, that through this word of truth believed, a change has passed upon my views and feelings and aims, by which I am converted into a different being. I am as attentive to this life as formerly, yet I look beyond it with longing desire to a purer and more perfect world, where Deity shall be beheld in unclouded vision, and the presence of a glorified Redeemer shall diffuse universal beatitude." These sentiments and hopes, and aspirations, may be yours. The Gospel alone can inspire them. When they have found a place in your heart on the simple testimony of God believed, you will have the divine testimony within, that this Gospel is the power of God, and the wisdom of God, to every one who believes.

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