

further shown, by his constant endeavors to walk in obedience to all the divine ordinances and commands; by his religious, benevolent, and charitable spirit and conduct, in all his dealings and intercourse with his fellow men; and in his avoidance of all sinful associations and companionships; and of all ways and practices of sin, vanity, and folly; abstaining, as scripturally enjoined, from "all appearance of evil, and ever "cleaving to that which is good." In personal discipline, he acts in accordance with the declaration and example of the great and self-denying Paul,—*"I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection."* In further sowing to the spirit, he goes undauntedly forward in fulfilling the exhortation given in the verse immediately succeeding our text,—*"Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not,"* and regards and acts on the further injunction,—*"in the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whither shall prosper, either this, or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."** According to his means and ability, he continues in various modes to "do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."[†]

Now what does the Almighty and righteous Judge declare he shall reap, as the harvest and reward of all his sowing and faithful labors? It is nothing less than "everlasting life." But what does this expression signify and comprehend? The words "everlasting life" and "eternal life," so frequently used in scripture, are evidently employed to mean and include all the inconceivable glories and joys of the heavenly kingdom. In this kingdom, as declared in scripture, there will be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. Those faithful sowers of the good seed will have glorious bodies, like unto their Saviour and Lord, who purchased the blessings for them by His sufferings and death. They will see Him as "the King in His beauty," with His many crowns. They will receive from his hands crowns and palms for faithful endurance and victory. They will also see the eternal and glorious God, for this is the supreme blessing promised to "the pure in heart." They will freely partake of all the fruits and joys of the glorious^s Paradise of God, "at His right hand, where are pleasures for

* Ecclesiastics, xl., 6. † Galatians, vi., 10.—I. Corinthians, ii., 9.