

that even you may miserably perish, so that you may in the end not perish. Certainly those to whom Christ will say "Depart ye cursed into everlasting fire" will perish; and from the description of their conduct on earth as nominal professors, it would appear that they were not worse in outward conduct than many who now attend our churches.

It is quite true that "God is Love;" that He is "slow to anger; not willing that any should perish." Yes, you cannot find words to tell how kind He is; and it is because this is so true that your perishing will be such a dreadful thing. The chief agony of perdition lies in being sent there by a God of Love, after having known of mercy through Christ Jesus; and the possibility of your perishing rests not on God's pleasure, not on His aversion to you, not on lack of power to forgive you, but on your slighting the love of your Father—your wickedly taking advantage of His kindness and tenderness to shun His presence, and to try and dispense with His fellowship.

If one could see all that lies in your hearts, doubtless, in many instances we should find the chief comfort and support of your life while living wickedly to be this—that in your case, by some favorable chance these dreadful things won't come upon you. Now, I pray you, don't deceive yourselves. There is as much chance for you, as long as you live in sin, to go to perdition as any one. "God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." There can be no delusion played off before the all-searching Eye of God. While you are talking and excusing yourself, the sentence may go forth and lay you low in an hour you think not.

I would, then, have you believe in the liability of your soul to destruction. Hold it as an indubitable truth that there is a chance—yea a serious possibility—of your going down to woe. Never forget that it is not *you* who are banished from Heaven of *yourselves*, but you *with the sins you love and cherish*. God *cannot and will not have your sins in Heaven*. Aversion to God, wilful shunning of Christ, delight in secret practices which God detests, these are the things which must go to their proper place; and if they are found in your soul when it leaves this world, your soul *must go with them* to a place and society where