

nor the tendency of any thing I have from Scripture, opposed to the theory so often noticed, to lead to security and unconcern about your eternal interests. This remark is *necessary*, because, in all that is written and proclaimed on the other side, we are stigmatized as *false prophets* and *agents of the devil*. If we utter a word in opposition, it is for the purpose of saying *peace, peace!*

So far from this, I seek to impress every one before me, with the truth of that Holy Book, which proclaims a *woe to the wicked for it shall be ill with him*; and which presses upon all, the absolute necessity of *instant attention* to the things that belong to their peace. "Peace! no indeed, "there is no peace saith my God to the wicked;" and I would earnestly embrace this opportunity, the like of which I may never again enjoy, to urge you every one to *give all diligence*, to be found in Christ. We have all the motives to activity and watchfulness presented, which can be supposed to influence intelligent beings. What security would any one have were we informed now by Divine Authority, that this world should *last for ever*? would it change for one moment, the solemn truth, that life is but a *vapour* which continueth but "for a little season and then vanisheth away?" No, for "no man knoweth what a day may bring forth;" and whenever we may be called on, to give in the account of our stewardship, then with regard to us "there shall be time no longer," and in whatever state we leave this world, that shall eternity stamp upon us for ever. "He that is filthy, shall then be filthy still, and he that is holy shall be holy still." Oh! while it is called to-day" then, let every one hear the voice of mercy, and "seek the Lord while he may be found," for this night your soul may be required of you.

You have asked my opinion; it has been given freely; it may not I trust be thought out of place if I now offer an advice: Retire to "search the Scriptures, which contain the things of eternal life;" examine them, to learn, therefrom "what is good, and acceptable in the sight of God." Examine them, to understand how thoroughly every thought and affection should be subjected to Christ. And if you have only the word of God dwelling in you richly, you will not be exposed to the pernicious influence of "every wind of doctrine," but "established, strengthened and settled," you will be enabled, not only to look for, with holy hope, but also with patience to wait for the coming of the Lord. Then too would you learn, that since he first "ascended far above all Heavens," leaving the promise to come again, never has there been reason to say, he "delayeth his coming." Let every one then who has not already settled in inquiry, settle it immediately—"where shall you stand when he ap-
peareth?"