

debtor for all? And for what end did it receive all but to use it for Christ, for whom are all things, and to advance the interest of his kingdom. Let Britain beware of unfaithfulness to the high and glorious trust, lest all its national glory may depart.

“Be wise, ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth.”

“For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish. Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure to me above all people. For all the earth is mine.”

But the subject earnestly calls on each individual most seriously to consider and take home—

4. The all momentous alternative involved in the great fact, that “*all things are created for Christ.*”

In the very fact that we are beings brought into the creation of God, it is most undeniably true that we were made *for Christ*. Because all creation is for Christ, from the highest angel up in heaven to the very smallest atom down on earth.

But what an infinite difference does it make; whether we belong to Christ as his necessary but *unwilling* subjects, who do not wish him to reign over us, or whether we have by faith been drawn to him by the gospel, and by the sweet captivity of his all conquering love have become Christ's willing devoted subjects and disciples.

Oh! let any creature, to whom the name of Christ and his gospel are made known, most closely examine ere it be for ever too late the two sides of this alternative; *for Christ*, as forming a part of his dominion over apostate devils and apostate sinners his enemies; and *for Christ*, as forming a part of his willing loving subjects won over to him by a cordial acceptance of gospel offers.

What a striking contrast in condition and prospects between these two different classes of persons!

How utterly hopeless and forlorn is the state of unbelievers.

It is bad enough that they were by nature in that state of sin and ruin, which have come by the apostasy of our race from God. But they have this deep aggravation of guilt to answer for.

Christ has graciously stretched out to them his benignant sceptre of gospel mercy, making to them, in his character of Saviour as well as King, a free offer of all that great salvation with which God is eternally well pleased, and by which he is eternally glorified. But they have refused it, and the gospel day, and their day of merciful visitation, has for ever gone by.

What then *can remain after this*, but an eternity to brood over the