

God spoken in a language so obscure, that it cannot be understood? Granted, that this Bible has come down to us, through the Greek and Hebrew, is not the version that we have, an honest translation of the original; and is it not a fact that the newly revised version, has not changed one word or sentence that affects its solemn declaration? Older than the pyramids of Egypt: firmer than the everlasting hills; it stands immovable and impregnable, in spite of the petty assaults of feeble man, who would, but cannot explain away the solemn things of God. As the poet says:—

“There are in this unreverential age,  
 Who, dazed by vain philosophy, have clasped  
 The revelations of the sacred page  
 Among the bursten bubbles of the past.  
 Be ours the wisdom still to hold them fast:  
 Not as despising aught that sense can teach,  
 Or any light that closer search may cast  
 On this world's mysteries, or thought can reach  
 From inmost corners of its right domain:  
 But firmly fixed in this: that after each  
 Has reaped its ripest knowledge, there remain  
 Truths that transcend, both human thought and speech,  
 And nature's oracle. These to despise,  
 When God unveils them, let us think unwise.”

It is very true, that men who believe as Paul did and persuade men by the terrors of the Lord, may expect to meet with opposition and the supercilious contempt of the profane. Paul frequently roused the enmity of both Jew and Gentile, for the doctrine of the resurrection and a final righteous judgment, were quite as distasteful then as they are now. He was buffeted, reviled, defamed, made as the filth of the world, and accounted as the off-scouring of all things, scourged, beaten and imprisoned. He bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ. But none of these things moved him, nor awed him into a guilty silence. He harrowed up the feelings of self-righteous hypocrites, who under the mark of virtue perpetrated the grossest wickedness, and denounced them as worthy of eternal wrath. The mercy and love of God that he had himself experienced