

- "Vessels of wrath fitted to DESTRUCTION."—Romans ix. 22.
 "WHOSE END IS DESTRUCTION."—Phil. iii. 19.
 "SUDDEN DESTRUCTION cometh upon them."—1 Thes. v. 3.
 "Drown men in DESTRUCTION and perdition."—1 Tim. vi. 9.
 "Bring upon themselves SWIFT DESTRUCTION."—2 Peter ii. 1.
 "Surely Thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castest them down into DESTRUCTION."—Ps. lxxiii. 18.
 "THEY SHALL CONSUME."
 "Into smoke shall they CONSUME AWAY."—Ps. xxxvii. 20.
 "Let the sinners be CONSUMED OUT OF THE EARTH, and let the wicked be no more."—Ps. civ. 35.
 "THEY SHALL UTTERLY PERISH IN THEIR OWN CORRUPTION."—2 Peter ii. 12.
 "He that speaketh lies shall PERISH."—Prov. xix. 9.
 "Behold, ye despisers, and wonder and PERISH."—Acts xiii. 41.
 "As many as have sinned without law shall also PERISH without law."—Rom. ii. 12.
 "THE DAY THAT COMETH SHALL BURN THEM UP that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."—Mal. iv. 1.
 "Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles TO BURN THEM."—Matt. xiii. 30.
 "He will BURN UP THE CHAFF WITH UNQUENCHABLE FIRE."—Matt. iii. 12.
 "FIRE came down from God out of heaven and DEVoured them."—Rev. xx. 9.

Now we submit that if these passages clearly relate to the final punishment of the wicked, they teach a doctrine the very antipodes of the eternal torment theory. The question is not, what may the terms die, death, destroy, destruction, perdition, perish, consume, &c., be made to mean in different connections, but, what do they import when applied by the sacred writers to the *final* punishment of the wicked? Let this point be kept constantly in view, lest the unpracticed reader should be blinded by a great display of irrelevant texts. On page 18 the Doctor has proposed two alternatives, as follows:

"Either the words of the Bible descriptive of the future misery of the ungodly, are to be understood in their plain and common acceptation, or else that book sorely deceives us by threatening us with pain and punishment which will never be inflicted. Which of these alternatives will you accept?"

We cheerfully and heartily accept of the former. Will the Doctor do the same? We shall see!

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