

men, in their own ways are standing in the way of truth and righteousness, but behold the time cometh when the Lord will arise "and shake terribly the earth" and all that may be shaken. "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold which they made, each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats."

Now my friends there is a great deal that men have adopted, and in which they are trusting, so that they have become their heavens, their rest. For instance to bring the point clearly before us, they declare that if they will but believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to suffer death, --to be crucified upon the cross,—and to be raised from the dead, (if they will only believe this) they will be saved, and except they believe this they cannot be saved.

Some declare that Jesus came into the world foreordained to die for us, that God could not be reconciled until an innocent son was put to death, and that we must believe this or we cannot be saved. Inconsistent as this doctrine seems to be, it is the foundation on which many are building, and they are laboring earnestly on that which they call the proselyting process to bring people into the Church, telling them that when they profess to believe in Jesus they are saved at once.

It seems right for me now as I am here with you to look into this matter and see how it stands. It is inferred that God foreordained all these things, and that He would only be reconciled to the human family if they were thus fulfilled.

If He foreordained these things He must have known all the circumstances necessary to bring them about. He knew that someone must betray Jesus, and as a righteous man would not do this, a wicked man must have been foreordained for it—a devil. Jesus said, "I have chosen you, twelve and one of you is a devil."

If all this were not foreordained, Judas was as much a part of the plan any other person, and if his act were

necessary for the salvation of man, we can place no blame upon him. Yet it was said that darkness covered the earth, and the vail of the Temple was rent in twain. This would not seem to indicate the pleasure of our Heavenly Father. Don't be alarmed my friends, let us examine it. The Apostle Paul speak of the killing of the Lord Jesus as one of the most wicked acts. If it had been fore-ordained would he have been displeased with the Jews because they did it? If it were necessary for the redemption of the world of mankind, it would have caused rejoicing instead of darkness and the rending of the vail of the Temple.

Why has the name of Judas been execrated by all who knew of him, and why applied to traitors even to this day?

Jesus never mentioned any case in which man had lost by the fall of Adam. One of the Prophets says: "In those days, they shall say no more. 'the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge,' but every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge." "Behold all souls are mine; as the soul of the father so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth it shall die; the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him."

Here is clearly set forth a truth which we know by our experience to be rational. Those who look for Christ in their own souls are the only ones that are saved. We must come home to that field in which we are to labor, the garden of Eden within ourselves, for the account we have of the garden of Eden is a beautiful figure, representing the spiritual man placed in a garden. We find that in our human nature there are trees and animals of all kinds to be cared for and cultivated, and this is the great