

oaths before Christ. Many can swear by their Creator and Maker, and speak proudly, and look highly, and walk contemptuously, as if there were no God to punish, no devil to torment. Well, let me tell thee, O thou swearer, that now delightest in cursing, thou shalt be ere long sent with a curse to a cursed place: "Depart, ye cursed, into everlasting fire!" will Christ say to such persons. The proud person prefers his pride before Christ: if a fine suit did lie on the one hand, and Christ on the other, the proud would rather put on the suit of clothes than him. Oh, I beseech you, consider what a vile and abominable thing it is, to prefer anything before Christ! "Consider this," saith the Psalmist, "ye that forget God, lest he tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver you." O poor wretch! consider of that text. Thou liest open to all the judgments in this life, and to all the torments in the life which is to come, all ye wicked ones that prefer anything before Christ.

*Eighthly*, If Jesus Christ be so wonderful, then every one that heareth of him should think it is a most dreadful thing to miss him. O Christians and friends, consider of it! Certainly that man or woman's condition must needs be sad indeed, that lives and dies without Jesus Christ. O poor sinner! the devil looks but for a look from God to come and rend thee in pieces, and draw thy soul to hell. Poor soul, thy soul is in danger every hour of being arrested by death, and carried prisoner to hell. Oh, I beseech you, do you think and consider with yourselves what a sad thing it is to miss Christ! Until a man is in him, he hath nothing, he knows nothing, he enjoys nothing, can