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the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom : out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Then shall thy light break forth in obscurity, and thy darkness shall be as the noonday." In fine, if we are thoroughly convinced of our relation to an eternal world, it will be our constant endeavor to cultivate those heavenly dispositions and virtues, and to prosecute that course of action which will prepare us for the enjoyment of the heavenly state. " For without holiness no man can see the Lord ;" and we are assured "that no unclean thing can enter the gates of the New Jerusalam," and that neither "thieves, nor extortioners, nor the covetous, nor the effeminate, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor idelaters, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

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