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“ I am the light of the world.”
“ Preach the Gospel to every creature.”—JESUS.

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THE BIRTH-PLACE OF SOULS.*

Psalm LXXXVII, 5.

“ And of Zion it shall be said, this man and that man was born in her and the Highest himself shall establish her.”

Though Mount Zion was a hill on the south of old Jerusalem, and higher than that on which the ancient city stood, the word Zion is sometimes employed in Scripture as a designation of the whole city of Jerusalem. Zion was exalted to heaven in point of privilege, and was with great propriety designated the “city of God,” “the city of the Great King,” and “the mountain of his holiness.” The sweet singer of Israel in the forty-eighth Psalm gives us a grand and graphic description of ancient Zion and its manifold privileges. “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north the city of the Great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments. Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will

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