

your much loved friend depart from your sight, without being admonished of your duty and your destiny. You have all a most important work to perform, and a short time given you to accomplish it. The night of death will soon come upon you, when no man can work. Other enemies may be bribed by riches, or moved by flattery, or mollified by tears, but Death is inexorable. His eye pities not—his hand spares not. Remember that you must encounter him,—that you must all fall beneath his arm. What time he will assail you, you know not. It may be unwarned, and in a moment. Be upon your watch-tower. Let no day pass by, without some act of preparation being done, for your departure hence. I speak to you all. I speak to you as dying creatures. I speak to you as creatures for whom is reserved an Eternity of weal or of woe. I speak to you as creatures who have yet an opportunity of securing an interest in the Redeemer's righteousness,—to whom is given the gospel of Christ, and the promise of His Spirit. Despise not your privileges. How long they may be yours you cannot tell. It is folly to delay making application for pardon. It is true wisdom to prepare for death by sincere repentance, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are the only principles of a holy life. That blessed Saviour, who was manifested to take away sin, is now exalted to give repentance, and the remission of sins, to all who come unto him. O! it is the glory of the gospel, that salvation is from God alone—that it is His work, and His only—that no part of it is left to frail