

against humanity was prevalent over all the South, without remorse and without relenting, and the magistrate felt no 'shock,' when he superintended this sale and signed this statement. But it is not irreverent to affirm that God Himself was shocked, and resolved, in righteous indignation, to make a full end of this tragic villany. I could trace in these lines a clear record of 'the abomination that maketh desolate,' and in the midst of the desolation I was comforted with the hope that, in fewer days than were allotted to the prophet's waiting vision, the land would be wholly purified from this iniquity; and in anticipation of a consummation so glorious, could repeat with devout fervor the divine assurance: Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to THIS END."

We feel sure that our readers have a hearty and religious abhorrence of the system of Slavery, and what thus meets their eye will deepen their convictions, already strong, of the inhumanity and unscripturalness of holding property in man. Our joy is that we belong to a nation that has escaped the odium of the hateful thing. Nor do we fail to long for the speedy deliverance of this continent from the blot and curse of traffic in the bodies of men. Every bright event that promises the dawn of that year of jubilee we hail. Yet among ourselves there may exist the necessity of going back to first principles on this question. For this reason we introduce to our pages the following portions of a lecture by the Rev. David Young, D.D., on Slavery forbidden by the Word of God—

#### SLAVERY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

"Was not this power in ancient times conceded to men by God himself? So far as it was, we bow to the concession; but it never was, in any sense which comes near to the case before us; and although it had, we are to remember that it is not the doings of the Most High, but his commandments which must be our guide. What these commandments are, we shall see by and by. It is true that God permitted nations to be trodden down and brought into bondage, as a testimony of his displeasure against their iniquities; it is true that the Hebrews themselves were thus dealt with oftener than once; it is also true, not that the God of the Hebrews positively enjoined, but that he simply permitted and laid under stringent regulations, a species of servitude even among them; but who in his senses would adduce these things as a defence of American slavery? The two cases are not only different, but essentially different; and although they were not materially different, are we prepared to take the consequences of so tremendous a retrograde? If we shall go back to Moses for one peculiarity, why not for another, for a third, and for a fourth, till we are landed in all the rigors, and all the obscurations of 'that which is abolished.' On these things, however, I refuse to dilate, they are altogether irrelevant; we have our dwellings under the gospel, and it is not by the judgments of God on the heathen, nor yet by the peculiarities of Judaism, but by the clear shining light of the New Testament, that New Testament men are to examine a subject like this. Where two opinions, on a point so obvious, are found to exist among the followers of Christ, there must be something seriously wrong.

"The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.' The New Testament is the inspired exposition of the Old; it is there we find the mind of Christ, and the mind of God in him; and taking the Bible as thus given, I have no hesitation in saying, that the spirit of this Bible and the spirit of slavery cannot continue to live together in the same country and among the same people. It is impossible; in such circumstances, and in all such circumstances, the Bible must live and slavery die, or slavery must live and the Bible die; there is no alternative; the water must devour the fire, or the fire must devour the water.

#### SLAVERY OPPOSED TO THE END, THE LANGUAGE, THE LETTER, AND THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

"The slavery of America is opposed to the leading end for which the Bible has been given to us. What is that end? obviously, through the sacrifice of