

appears; but then there will be judgment. The wicked shall be as ashes under the soles of the feet, as stubble, and the *day* of the Lord as fire. But the star appears to them that watch before the sun appears to the world; for as I can understand by the prophetic warning, that this dark place is going to be judged; that "the night is far spent, and the day is at hand;" yet so it is night now, whatever people may think. And I want the Morning Star in my heart (the hope of Christ coming, before the day, to receive the church to Himself; for the Morning Star is given to them that overcome) to cheer my soul through the long and dreary night, which is yet darker now than it was then, but still far spent, as the darkness of the night always thickens till again the dawn of another day rise beyond on the other side of heaven, and the morning star appear to fix the eye of the watchful and waiting soul, and cheer the heart with a sure and certain hope. And what, then, do we want of the things of this dark place, which is now under judgment for having nailed God's Son on the cross? Do not you, therefore, be seeking the riches, the honours, the power of this world on which Christ is coming to execute judgment. One ray of the glory of Christ will at once wither up all the glory of this defiled world like an autumn leaf. Do not you, therefore, go on mixing yourself up with the world, heaping up riches. What will you do with them when Christ comes? Remember the Lord is at hand. But do I keep separate from this