

East and the West, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, but the children of the Kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." We are also told of some who will find their everlasting home there that lived and died expecting something very different. "Many will say unto me in that day Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them: I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." In the description given in the Matthew xxv., of the last judgment, the King is represented as saying to those on his left hand: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels"—"These shall go away into everlasting punishment."

Now, the sum of the observations so far made by me is this:—We see clearly—as clearly as anything can be seen from the works and Word of God—that there is in God something by which it is proper to speak of Him as a "consuming fire;" that there is in Him.—beyond what He does in nature and has done among men of ancient days—a reserve force of destruction vast as infinity; that He has deliberately, though sorrowfully, prepared a place where the full force of His wrath may be experienced by men and devils; that the day will come when many who once listened to the good tidings of salvation by Christ will in that very place experience the pressure of His heavy hand. I am not aware of anything being more certain than these things. They are not the result of speculation; they do not depend upon elaborate reasonings; they are plain, obvious truths. And in the light of them I think I can say again what I said at the beginning:—It is possible that you may perish—may go down to a terrible perdition. It matters not whether you call it a *place* or a *state*. There is the prospect clearly before you. There is in God the reserve force to lay hold of you when the hour comes. There is the day fast approaching when God must decide whether or not He shall consign you to "everlasting destruction" from His presence. These words we are now dealing with are not playthings; they are not hollow