

in reason itself ; else there would be no right of private judgment and no obligation to think truthfully. Spurious authority reason spurns ; true authority reason honors. It is reasonable to believe on the authority of men ; much more so to believe on the authority of God, who cannot lie. It is our highest duty to hear his word and govern ourselves by the intimations of his will, in whatever way they may be given to us. We should be held guilty of the most wretched ingratitude and imprudence, if under the pretence of any impossibility, or improbability, or disagreeableness, we refused to believe a supernatural communication bearing the marks of a divine testimony and revealing to us the great salvation. The fact is, that the high and lofty One who inhabiteth eternity, and whose name is holy, has, in his unspeakable goodness, condescended to meet the terrible exigency of human reason by the revelation of the "new covenant in Christ's blood." Christianity is God's way of human salvation. Let all men use their judgment and make due trial of the glorious Gospel, as they ought, and they will find in the Lord Jesus every thing that they need ; they will find in Him what imperfect and abused reason could never realise,—righteousness, rational perfection, the perfect morality.

#### THE PERFECT MORALITY.

II. There is nothing better than morality. Only all morality is not equally good. It is reason's duty to choose the perfect ; a morality not godless and soulless, not christless, but thoroughly christian.