

necessities of an approaching eternity? It is a delusion to which, in that case, you are trusting—which God's Word exposes—and which death will utterly destroy. A voice from the tomb ever and anon re-echoes, among the living crowds of mankind, salutary lessons concerning Earth's vanities, and Heaven's realities and glory!

Be persuaded, then, to lay up *your* treasure in Heaven, and to have your hearts there also, as the true preparation for the hour of death—make sure of your interest in Christ,—and be firm in the faith of that Gospel in which, alone, you can stand. Thus shall you have comfort in your sorrows, because they flow from a Father's hand—who will also give grace to make them work for your good. Thus shall you benefit by the dispensations of God's Providence towards you, however adverse these appear to be—if they lead you to be “not slothful but followers of those who are now inheriting the promises.” Thus too shall you, at last, be joined with dear friends departed in the Lord, in the kingdom of glory, where “there shall be no more sickness or sighing, pain, sorrow, or death, for the former things shall have passed away.”