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 o weariness and priva-
 and every species of
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 witnesses, condemned
 "He gave his back
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 e and spitting." His
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 None of us know,

while yet in the place of hope, what it is to endure the curse of a broken law. Sinners begin to have a taste of this when they are taken away in their iniquities, and cast into unquenchable fire. But even lost sinners understand not perfectly what the curse implies, for their experience of the wrath of God is at any time but partial. Throughout eternity they are only learning more and more of the awful doom which sin merits. But Christ, in his death, was made a curse in the fullest sense. Wrath went out against him to the uttermost. The overflowing cup, charged with every penal element involved in the sentence, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," was put into his hands by his own Father, and he drank it to the dregs.

In connection with these illustrations of the price which we have been bought, it is important to remark that our Lord knew, in undertaking our redemption, all that he would have to undergo. A person under the influence of a generous spirit, may often, for the sake of others, enter upon a work involving personal hardship and sufferings greater than he originally contemplated, and which, if he had foreseen them, would have deterred him from taking a single step. But Christ, in becoming the representative of his people, was well aware that he could not accomplish their salvation without laying down his life for them. He knew that it was needful for the corn of wheat to fall into the ground and die, ere it could bring forth fruit. He knew that, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so he behoved to be lifted up, in order that he might draw all men unto him. He saw before him, from the beginning, as clearly as if every thing had been already fulfilled, the awful depth of humiliation to which he should be plunged,—the contempt that should be cast upon him,—and the innumerable sorrows that should pierce his heart. The garden of Gethsemane, with its soul-affecting agony,—the judgment-hall, with its