

the devil, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Some imagine, that to quote this text "unto forever and ever," weakens its meaning; but not in the least; It is the proper way of speaking of forever and eternity. When we say unto or to eternity it covers all possible ground and avoids the erroneous idea which the other method of speaking suggests. When we say through all eternity or forever and ever the suggestion is thrown out that eternity can be gone through with and we come out on the other side and likewise forever and ever. This is a contradiction. We shall never exhaust or make any impression on eternity or forever and ever. We shall enter it but never can wear away one eternal hour.

Jude, 7. "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them—are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." Comment. From death to Judgment Day, Sodom and Gomorrah are suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. It is hinted elsewhere that at Judgment Day, Sodom and Gomorrah will fare better than those who have had greater light and more gracious opportunities, yet even for them it is eternal fire.

Mark 9: 43, 44. "It is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell,