

PREFACE.

Sin and its consequences lie very near to the foundation of the Christian Religion: For, if there be no sin, there is no need of Christ Jesus as a sacrifice for sin: From whom Christianity has its existence, and receives its name. What sin is, and what are its consequences, as to their extent and duration, can only be known through a revelation from God: Hence the alone standard of appeal regarding them, must be His Holy Word.

The 'Bible Study' which forms the first part of this book positively asserts, that the Scriptures teach, that all who have not in this life obtained through the Lord Jesus Christ deliverance from sin, will live—exist—in pain and misery throughout eternity. To establish which, as may clearly be seen, is the paramount or supreme aim of the Pamphlet.

The second part, the examination of the Bible Study, throws doubt upon the view taken in the first part; and declares that the Scriptures apparently do not teach that view. But that they appear to teach that death in the original and natural sense of the word is the termination of the penalty of sin; that is, the death of the body, and sooner or later after the final judgment, the death of the soul, of all who have not here or hereafter obtained eternal life in or through Christ Jesus. This latter statement assumes, and it is one of the purposes of the writer in this volume to endeavour to establish, that the Scriptures do not teach that man naturally possesses immortality, and