

We may draw two important lessons from this narrative: First, it teaches us the utter insufficiency of all earthly greatness as a portion or stay for the soul of man. The wealth, grandeur, beauty of Babylon, so much of which was due to the energy of Nebuchadnezzar himself, only intoxicated him with vanity, so that he became insane. Such an issue as this, marking the influence of ambition, and of the world's possession of the soul, has not been unfrequent upon men. Have we not heard of the man who has eagerly devoted himself to money-making, and amassed millions, afterwards losing his mental balance, and spending the last years of his life in utter misery—a maniac, haunted with the idea of being a pauper? Wealth and greatness cannot satisfy the soul.

Secondly, we have here also the evil and dangers of neglected warning, and despising admonition. If the King of Babylon had acted on the counsels of Daniel, his faithful friend, how very different might have been the latter part of his life to what it actually was. But he neglected holy and earnest admonition, and darkness fell upon him. There must ever be righteous retributions for neglected opportunity and despised warning.

Let us always bear in mind these two impressive lessons; and let us strive all the time of our life here on earth, not to allow ourselves to be carried away from our strict duty to God, by the wealth and riches of the world. They do not bring happiness in their train, but instead bring worries, cares, and anxieties. "Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith."

THE POWER OF TRUTH.

In one of the high courts of America, a few years ago, a little girl, nine years of age, was offered as a witness against a prisoner who was on trial for a felony committed in her father's house.

"Now, Emily," said the counsel for the prisoner upon her being offered as a witness, "I desire to know if you understand the nature of an oath?"

"I don't know what you mean," was the simple answer.

"There, your honour," said the counsel, addressing the court, "Is anything further necessary to demonstrate the validity of my objection? This witness should be