

Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is NOT EQUAL. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not my equal? Are not your ways unequal?" Ezek. xviii. 23-25.

III.—Thus saith

THE LARGER CATECHISM.

"God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his own will, whereby, from all eternity, he hath, for his own glory, unchangeably fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass in time." *Quest. 12.*

III.—Thus saith

THE WORD OF GOD.

"They have built also the high places of Baal to burn their sons with fire, for burnt-offerings unto Baal; *which I commanded not, NEITHER SPAKE IT, NEITHER CAME IT INTO MY MIND.*" *Jeremiah* xix. 5.

IV.—Thus saith

THE SHORTER CATECHISM.

"The decrees of God are his eternal purpose according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass." *Quest. 7.*

IV.—Thus saith

THE WORD OF GOD.

"FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD—the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, IS NOT OF THE FATHER." *1 John* ii. 17.

TRUTH—ITS VALUE AND POWER.

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DEAR BROTHER OLIPHANT:—I have received the *Witness* regularly for the last two years, and am much pleased with its testimony. I have often thought, even before I had the pleasure of perusing its pages, that such a periodical was much needed for the Western Reserve. I like its name, and it is what its name imports—a *Witness for Truth*, or the *Witness of Truth*.

What is truth? inquired a Roman Governor, when the very impersonation of it stood arraigned at his bar; and had he waited for a reply, doubtless in the answer such a definition would have been given as the world has never heard. Not what is truth as it stands related to history, science, and the every day concerns of this mortal life—though the inquiry, with reference to these things, is highly important:—but what is truth as related to the happiness of man—to his origin, dignity, and destiny—as related to the being, character, and perfections of God. The question, What is truth? with reference to these things,