


and the bonds of iniquity. Thou hast served satan and art still led by him as a willing captive and art going the broad road which leads to eternal perdition, to blackness and darkness, to the abode of satan himself. Now whilst an open door is yet before thee, a straight path which leads to life has been opened, why not walk in it and gain thereby life, glory, honor, wealth, and happiness? Why not turn from the paths of sin, of vice and folly, and seek for glory and honor in God's presence? Why treasure up wrath against the day of wrath by neglecting and despising the Lord's goodness? Why not believe what God has said and cease to rebel against him? Why not repent of thy sins and turn to God with all thy heart? The wrath of God now rests on you, an awful doom awaits you unless you repent and are washed in the blood of Christ which can wash away all your sins.

Perhaps you have doubts whether the bible is true; if so the fault must be your own. You have never examined the evidence of its authenticity. How can you conceive that to be false which tends to elevate, ennoble and happyfy man? How can that book be false which teaches the only pure system of morals ever presented to man, and which has done more to civilize man and enact just laws than all books beside, ancient or modern. If the bible is not true there is no truth in the world. A want of confidence in it and submission to its teachings will be your condemnation. Do not then frame any more weak excuses, for it is "the fool" not the wise man who "has said in his heart there is no God." Listen then to the combined voice of reason, wisdom and revelation, and whilst thy reason, health, and life remain prepare to meet thy God. Harden not thy rebellious heart. Let not that Saviour who died to redeem lost sinners, call and entreat you in vain. Whilst thy day of mercy lasts, whilst thou art still favored with an opportunity to obey the Lord's commands, repent of thy ingratitude and sin. Turn and rebel no longer lest the arrow of death strike you down in your sins and leave you exposed to eternal wrath. Let the Saviour's love soften your stony heart and his goodness win your affections. Humble thy self that thou mayest be exalted. Seek for glory, honor and immortality by a righteous life and you will find them and escape that fierce wrath which will overtake the impenitent and drive them to dwell in darkness and woe forever where mercy can never enter.

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 Stumbling blocks in religion will always be found by those who seek them.