

## DIES IRAE.

THERE is a day coming for this world when God will judge it in righteousness; He is saving sinners in grace out of it now. But I tell you sinner, the day of judgment is *appointed*, and the judge is *ordained*. "He has appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained." That day is coming, and that day will be the witness, the marvelous witness, of the power of God to destruction, when the besom of judgment shall sweep this earth of those who have rejected Christ and refused God's great salvation; and there will not be a solitary ray of mercy, in that blackness; not a solitary ray of light in that darkness. That day is coming. And oh, if that day should overtake you, sinner, in your sins; if that day should find you an unwashed and unforgiven criminal in your sins; if it shall find you out of Christ in your sins; and out of Christ, as the result of having refused, despised, rejected, neglected God's great salvation! What then? How solemn to think of these things! God has appointed the day; he has ordained the judge. And who is the judge? That Jesus whom you, sinner, are rejecting; that Jesus whom you refuse, it may be, in your heart of hearts this moment; that Saviour in whose face you see no beauty to desire Him; a root out of a dry ground; without form or comeliness, despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; you hide your face from Him; He was despised and you esteem Him not, though He was the bearer of our griefs and our sorrows. And it will be Him, it will be that same Jesus. Oh think of that!