

"The harvest," says the Great Teacher, "is the end of the world." It is a law of the vegetable world—whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. If he sows *wheat* he may expect to reap *wheat*. If he foolishly sows *tares* he may expect to reap *tares*. It is so in the *moral* world. It is in relation to moral actions that the Apostle says: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for *whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.*" Human life is the great moral sowing time. It is then that every one sows those seeds that will yield him a harvest of joy or sorrow, throughout eternity. As in the harvest, the husbandman receives back again the seed that he deposited in the soil, or the legitimate fruits of that seed, so at the great harvest day, every human being will receive back again his moral actions, to his joy or sorrow, his glory or his shame.

Then the *impenitent sinner* will reap the fruits of his impenitence. "He will eat of the fruit of his own way, and be filled with his own devices." No sin that ever he committed can, by any possibility, be forgotten. Even that little falsehood which he told in childhood, and which he thought would never come to light, is not lost. It was a little moral seed sown by childish hands, and that seed will come back to him, in its fruits, in the great harvest day. And so will all the other sins of the finally impenitent. However secretly committed, however artfully concealed, and however long forgotten; they are registered on high, and they will all come back in a harvest of sorrow and shame in "the great and notable day of the Lord."

*The people of God* shall then reap the fruit of their works of faith and labour of love. No christian need fear that any thing he does for Christ will ever be lost. A cup of cold water to a disciple is a small service, but even that shall not be forgotten before God; it will come up again in the final reckoning, and the giver shall in no wise lose his reward. They are remarkable words those of the Apostle in the 6th chapter of Hebrews: "*God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love,* which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Sinners saved by grace may fail to keep a record of their service of gratitude rendered to Him who loved them and gave himself for them; but in the Book of God's Remembrance there is not the minutest item of christian service unrecorded. In the Redeemer's own account of the transactions of the great day, He that sitteth upon the Throne is represented as saying to the righteous: "I was hungry, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in," &c. What is their reply?—"When saw we thee hungry and fed thee? or thirsty and gave thee drink?" &c. They forget that they had ever rendered any such services to their Saviour God. But has he forgotten these small items of grateful service? No. They are all recorded in the book of his remembrance, and when the Judgment is set and the books opened, they are all brought forward and exhibited before angels and men as fruits of their faith, evidences of their love, and as a vindication of the Divine righteousness in bestowing upon them a glorious reward of grace. Thus as the good seed that one sows in his garden or field will come back to him in fragrant flowers or golden fruit; so there is not a good word that one speaks, not an act of sincere piety that he performs, not a cent that he