

not my words, hath one that judgeth him, the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John, xii, 48.) You, a professor of christianity, yet a "sower of the flesh," and pleading for its vain diversions, have the whole of that word in your house, and you hear it read and explained by its ministers, you cannot therefore escape the awful responsibility you are under, to diligently search and obey it. Your soul's everlasting destiny, either of happiness or misery, is suspended on your obedience or neglect. That word has been given, to be as "a lamp" to your "feet," and "a light" to your "path;" and again you are solemnly directed "to the law and testimony," for instruction and guidance. These inspired oracles, form the only standard, by which all who have possessed them will be eternally judged; and not by any standard, or flexible course which each individual may form for himself; nor by the traditions, or accommodating creeds and maxims of men, however exalted they may be in human estimation, and however specious and plausible their interpretations and systems may appear.

The whole Christian revelation is of the most spiritual character, and requires and enjoins continual watchfulness, and most earnest and persevering efforts, to secure a holy preparation for reaping the harvest of "everlasting life," promised in the text.

Let all take heed to the warning with which the text commences, "Be not deceived." There need not be any deception or mistake, for if the sacred scriptures are duly regarded and consulted, it will be seen that they clearly show, that for the lovers of worldly pleasures, who have refused self-denial, and persevered in sowing to their fleshly lusts and desires, the harvest reaping must be, "the worm that dieth not, and the fire that shall never be quenched." But of those who have continued sowing to the spirit, have avoided all ungodly and worldly lusts, and obtained the wedding garment of holiness, the same inspired oracles declare,—
 "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, even so saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Their harvest will be, as immutably promised, "life everlasting, pleasures for evermore."